



Veazie Town Council

Regular Meeting

August 25, 2014

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 August 11th, 2014 Council Meeting Minutes.
- ITEM 6:** Comments from the Public

New Business:

- ITEM 7:** Orono Recreation Department Presentation
- ITEM 8:** Bangor/Veazie Assessing Agreement
- ITEM 9:** Assessing Department Update
- ITEM 10:** Policy Discussion for Committee Members
- ITEM 11:** Updated Land Use Ordinance
- ITEM 12:** Updated Shoreland Zoning Ordinance
- ITEM 13:** Rock Street/Oak Grove Retaining Wall Repair

Old Business:

- ITEM 14:** Charter Changes
- ITEM 15:** Executive Session - 1 M.R.S.A. 405(6)E
- ITEM 16:** Manager's Report
- ITEM 17:** Comments from the Public
- ITEM 18:** Requests for information and Town Council Comments
- ITEM 19:** Review & Sign of AP Town Warrant #4 and Town Payroll #4. School Payroll Warrant #4 and AP School Warrant #4.
- ITEM 20:** Adjournment

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5Prouty Drive
9479624

Chris Bagley
16 Silver Ridge
cbagley@veazie.net

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 August 25, 2014

Council Meeting

ITEM 7: Orono Parks and Recreation Director Bob Sinclair will be with us to discuss joining the Veazie after school program with the Orono after school program.

ITEM 8: An updated Assessing agreement has been approved by the City of Bangor for 2014/2015. The agreement is included for your review and is management's suggestion the agreement be approved.

ITEM 9: Assessor Ben Birch will be with us this evening to update the Council on the Assessing Department

ITEM 10: Chairman Perry had requested a discussion on the development of a Policy for Committee Members. No policy has been drafted at this time for presentation

ITEM 11: Members of the Planning Board will be present to discuss the updated land use ordinance. A copy of the ordinance has been included for review.

ITEM 12: Members of the Planning Board will be present to discuss the updated Shoreland Zoning Ordinance. A copy of the ordinance has been included for review

ITEM 13: I was notified in April of a concern a resident located at 56 Oak Grove had with a retaining wall that the Town of Veazie's Public Works installed numerous years ago when the slope of Rock Street was changed. The wall is now failing and is a safety concern for both the occupants and people walking by the location. Since April I have been trying to get estimates to repair the wall which has been difficult. I have now received (3) estimates. The first one I have not included because it was considerably more. The (2) estimates I have received and included are as follows:

Black Bear Lawn Care:

Town's Responsibility: \$3,800.00
Home Owner's Responsibility: \$3,500.00
Removal: \$2,000.00
Additional Blocks if needed: \$9.42/ block

Mitchell Landscaping:

Town's Responsibility: \$3,570.00
Home Owner's Responsibility: \$3,570.00
Removal: \$1,650.00

The wall was built in two sections with the first section completed by the Town and the second section completed by the homeowner. This is why I have received pricing for both. It is the homeowner's desire to have the wall rebuilt and not removed. If approved, this project would be paid for from the highway capital account.

Agenda Items For August 25, 2014 Council Meeting

ITEM 14: Draft 4 of the Charter will be reviewed for changes made during the last Council Meeting. Attorney Russell will be present to answer any questions.

ITEM 15: Pursuant to 1 MRSA 405 (6) E an executive session will be held with Attorney Russell.

Veazie Town Council Meeting
Aug 11th, 2014

Members Present: Chairperson Tammy Perry, Councilor Chris Bagley, Councilor Robert Rice, Councilor Karen Walker, Councilor David King, Manager Mark Leonard, Attorney Tom Russell and various members of the public.

Members Absent:
None

ITEM 1: Call to order

Chairperson Tammy Perry called the meeting to order at 6:32pm.

ITEM 2: Secretary to do the roll call:

All present

ITEM 3: Pledge of the allegiance:

ITEM 4: Consideration of the Agenda

Chairman Perry wanted to change Comments from the public to Item 6A and Charter changes to Item 6B.

ITEM 5: Approval of the July 28th, 2014 Council Meeting Minutes

Councilor Robert Rice made a motion, seconded by Councilor Karen Walker to accept the July 28th, 2014 Council Meeting Minutes as written. Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried.

ITEM 6A: Comments from the public

Citizen Teresa Montequé wanted to let the Council know she has been going house to house to find out the concerns of the citizens. She also talked with the Orono/Veazie Water District about the town water.

Citizen Suzanne Malis Anderson expressed her concerns about the town water.

Citizen Joan Perkins shared information on the water quality and suggested we have a workshop with the Orono/Veazie Water District Trustees in Veazie, similar to the one they had in Orono.

ITEM 6B: Charter Changes

The Councilor's reviewed the Charter Changes with Attorney Russell. Chairman Perry will forward the final copy of the Town Charter to Attorney Russell. He will have information for the Council by the September 8th meeting.

New Business:

ITEM 7: Awarding of Paving Bid

Manager Leonard reviewed the bids that were received for the Town's paving. The bid results were as follows:

B&B Paving = \$146,400.00

Wellman Paving = \$102,141.96

Hopkins Landscaping= \$87,693.00

Lane = \$104,967.00

Councilor Karen Walker made a motion, seconded by Councilor Robert Rice to award the Town's paving bid to Hopkins Landscaping with the provision that we also hire an inspector to oversee this work as it progresses and to direct Manager Leonard to work on the scope of the work. Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried.

ITEM 8: Awarding of tax acquired property bid at 1030 Maple Street

Councilor Robert Rice made a motion, seconded by Councilor Chris Bagley to accept the bid from Chandler, Curtis in the amount of \$13,013.00 for the property located at 1030 Maple Street, Tax Map 07, Lot 46 and to authorize the Town Manager to execute any documents he deems necessary or appropriate to convey the property to Chandler, Curtis. Voted 4-0-1. Councilor David King abstained. Motion carried.

Old Business:

ITEM 10: Water testing Discussion

The Council discussed the possibility of administering another water test. Due to recent testing, this will be discussed at a later date. The Council would like to invite the Orono/Veazie Water District Trustees to the September 22nd Council Meeting at 6:00pm for a workshop with the regular Council Meeting starting at 7pm.

ITEM 11: Manager's Report

Manager Leonard reviewed his report with the Councilor's.

ITEM 12: Comments from the public

Citizen Teresa Montequé shared some information with the Council

ITEM 13: Requests for information and Town Council Comments

Councilor Karen Walker wanted thank you cards sent to certain people for their efforts in beautifying the town so they know we appreciate all of their efforts.

Councilor King mentioned the graffiti on certain signs in town. Manager Leonard will try to remove it himself.

Councilor Bagley had questions about the after school program. Manager Leonard said that the Orono Rec Director will be at the Aug. 25th meeting to discuss this further.

ITEM 14: Review & sign of AP Town Warrant #3 and Town Payroll #3. School Payroll Warrant #3 and AP School Warrant #3.

The warrants were circulated and signed.

ITEM 15: Adjournment

Councilor David King motioned to adjourn

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

Motion carried.

Adjourned at 8:10 pm

A True Copy Attest:

Mark Leonard
Town Manager

Bangor / Veazie Agreement for Assessing Services
August 20, 2014 to August 19, 2015

Submitted by:

Benjamin F. Birch Jr., City Assessor for Bangor
and
Interim Assessor for Town of Veazie

City of Bangor
73 Harlow Street, Bangor Maine 04401

Town of Veazie
1084 Main Street
Veazie, ME 04401

Agreement for Assessing Services

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Town of Veazie

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Benjamin F. Birch Jr., Interim Assessor (942-2781)

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Agreement for Assessing Services

Agreement made this 20th day of August, 2014 by and between the City of Bangor (hereinafter "Bangor"), a municipal corporation located in Bangor, County of Penobscot, State of Maine, and the Town of Veazie (hereinafter "Veazie"), a municipal corporation located in Veazie, County of Penobscot, State of Maine

WHEREAS, the City of Bangor has an Assessing Department; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Veazie is without the services of an Assessor and requested proposals for assessing services; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bangor has proposed to provide assessing services to Veazie for one year under certain terms and conditions.

NOW, THEREFORE, IN CONSIDERATION of the mutual promises and covenants contained in this Agreement, the City of Bangor and the Town of Veazie agree as follows:

1. Services to be provided by the City of Bangor

The City of Bangor Assessing Department personnel will provide assessing services for the Town of Veazie.

The City of Bangor will perform the following: administration of the assessing department, preparation of town valuations (not a revaluation for the Town of Veazie); appraisal and assessment record keeping, assisting in printing of tax bills, preparation of reports necessary to meet requirement of Maine law for example, Annual Municipal Valuation Return, annual Tree Growth report and assisting the public with real and personal property valuations.

The City of Bangor personnel will provide approximately 200 hours of staff time during the term of this Agreement. Supervisory time is anticipated to be 3

hours per week and 28 hours of field and sales analysis work during commitment of taxes.

The Town of Veazie will hire Lillian Smith, CMA as appraiser working as a private contractor who will provide 260 hours of assessing work during the term of this agreement. Assessing work is anticipated to be at flexible hours per week.

2. Fees

From the date of this agreement until August 20, 2015 the Town of Veazie will pay the City of Bangor \$11,040 (\$60.00 per hour) for the services to be provided.

The Town of Veazie will pay the City of Bangor the IRS rate for mileage reimbursement for travel by personnel providing services pursuant to this Agreement.

3. Billing

The City of Bangor will bill the Town of Veazie monthly for all work done in the previous month and will provide to the Town of Veazie appropriate documentation to substantiate each monthly bill. The Town of Veazie shall pay each bill within thirty (30) days of receipt.

Lillian Smith will bill the Town of Veazie bi-monthly for all work done in the previous two week period and will provide the Town of Veazie appropriate documentation to substantiate each bi-monthly bill. The Town of Veazie shall pay each bill with two weeks of receipt.

4. Insurance

The City of Bangor will provide a Liability Policy to insure both the City of Bangor and the Town of Veazie. This policy limits shall be \$400,000.00 for each incident.

5. Miscellaneous

All paperwork, documents and work product remain the property of the Town of Veazie.

The City Assessor of the City of Bangor is responsible for assigning Lillian Smith, CMA appraiser working as a private contractor, to perform any service provided pursuant to this Agreement.

6. Termination

Either party may terminate this agreement upon sixty (60) days written notice to the other.

CITY OF BANGOR

Witness

Name: Catherine M. Conlow
Title: City Manager

TOWN OF VEAZIE

Witness

Name: Mark Leonard
Title: Town Manager

Veazie Assessing Departments FY2014 Goals

The assessing office will assess all property at a level between 90 and 110 percent of their current market value as of the sales date shown by a ratio study. This level will be achieved by the coming year.

The assessing office will assess all assessable properties uniformly so that the coefficient of dispersion will be 20 or less. This level will be achieved by the coming year.

The assessing office will maintain the TRIO Assessing Software (computer-assessed mass appraisal system) as circumstances warrant.

The assessment office will list promptly all Real Property by processing deeds received from the recorder's office (PRD) within one week (on average) of receipt.

Building permits provide forewarnings on construction activity. Using these permits assessments for new construction and building improvements will be completed as of April 1st and assessment finalized by commitment date.

Review and process Exemption applications annually by March 31 and assessment finalized by commitment date.

The Town Tax Maps will be updated as of April 1.

The assessment office will list promptly all Personal Property Declaration Forms (property lists) received from property owner within one week (on average) of receipt.

The coming tax roll will reflect any tax shift caused by legislative changes.

The primary tasks performed by assessors

1. Locating and identifying all taxable property in the jurisdiction.
2. Making an inventory of the quantity, quality, and important characteristics of all taxable property.
3. Estimating the value of each taxable property.
4. Determining the extent of taxability of each property.
5. Calculating the assessed value of each property.
6. Preparing and certifying the assessment roll.
7. Defending value estimates and valuation.

Assessing Departments Reoccurring Projects

Recurring Projects

- Municipal Valuation Report
- Tree Growth Tax Roster – Annual Update
- State Sales Turn-Around Document
- Sales Analysis for Coming Year Update
- Personal Property Declaration Form/Letter of Instruction Updates
- Personal Property Declaration Form Mailings
- Personal Property Depreciation Tables Update
- Tax Map Annual Update
- April 1 valuations
- Commitment of Tax Roll
- Update assessing software cost files by March 1.
- Establish current land values by March 1.
- Conduct Sales Ratio studies to assist in projections for coming tax year.
- Analyze income and expense statements when abatement requests are initiated. Request Appraisal report using 706.

PERSONAL PROPERTY SEQUENCE OF ACTIVITIES

- Month of December update Personal Property Declaration Instruction letters
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- Month of December prepare personal property mailing (fold & stuff instruction letter, declaration form and itemized list)
- First week of January run all envelopes through postage meter and mail out personal property declarations
- Month of January printout custom report for logging in return personal property declarations
- January – May open personal property returns, date stamp and log in Custom Report
- All data input should be done by May 15th
- Assist in abatements if any for personal property
- Assist with 801 Reimbursements

MEMORANDUM

To: Michael E. Leonard, Town Manager, Veazie
CC: Town of Veazie Councilors
FROM: Benjamin F. Birch, Jr., City Assessor
Date: August 20, 2014

RE: Assessor's Update as of August 20, 2014

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this assessment update. This update will review the key tasks and present an update of the total town valuation.

- I. The FY2014 Tax Commitment was finalized on August 20, 2014. The total taxable Real Estate Valuation is \$144,143,900. The total taxable Personal Property Valuation is \$138,006,223. The total taxable valuation is \$282,150,123. The total of all Homestead Exempt Valuation is \$4,928,800. The net to be raised by local property tax rate is \$5,036,221.05. The Tax Rate is **0.01775**, lower than estimated during the budget process and Town Meeting. The Tax Bills will be printed and are scheduled to be mailed out by Wednesday, August 24, 2014.
- II. The Bangor / Veazie Agreement for Assessing Services - August 20, 2014 to August 19, 2015 was approved by the City of Bangor Council on August 11th.

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Other Topics:

A. Maine Real Estate Information Systems, Inc.

- SOUTH PORTLAND (April 22, 2014) – DOUBLE-DIGIT REAL ESTATE GAINS STATEWIDE IN MAINE SALES UP 12.63 PERCENT IN MARCH
- SOUTH PORTLAND (May 22-2014) – APRIL HOMESALES UP 8.32 PERCENT IN MAINE
- SOUTH PORTLAND (June 23,2014) – MAINE HOME SALES INCREASED 7.25 PERCENT IN MAY
- SOUTH PORTLAND (July 22, 2014) – MAINE HOME SALES INCREASE 14.02 PERCENT IN JUNE

BLACK BEAR LAWN CARE

1320 STILLWATER AVE
BANGOR, ME 04401
(207) 945-3414

ITEM # 13

Estimate

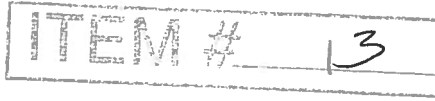
Date	Estimate #
6/6/2014	6965

Name / Address
TOWN OF VEAZIE 1084 MAIN ST VEAZIE, ME 04401

			Project
Description	Qty	Cost	Total
rebuild approx 30 feet of retaining wall along rock street with existing block. and new cap blocks. wall to include geogrid to spec. stone backfill and drainage. and finish grade to be loamed and seeded above wall. "XXXXXXXXXX"		3,500.00	3,500.00
rebuild upper portion of wall approx. 33 feet and replace with existing block with new caps, leaving stair portion and tying back into new wall, replace steps and install geogrid, stone backfill and drainage, loam and seed finished grade above wall. "XXXXXXXXXX"		3,800.00	3,800.00
additional blocks if needed		9.42	9.42
		Subtotal	\$7,309.42
		Sales Tax (0.0%)	\$0.00
		Total	\$7,309.42

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Estimate

Date	Estimate #
6/6/2014	6966

Name / Address
TOWN OF VEAZIE 1084 MAIN ST VEAZIE, ME 04401

			Project
Description	Qty	Cost	Total
Remove and dispose of exhistig retaining wall along Rock Street approx 63 feet long. Grade slope loam and seed with errionson controll.	1	2,000.00	2,000.00
		Subtotal	\$2,000.00
		Sales Tax (0.0%)	\$0.00
		Total	\$2,000.00



990 Wilson Street, Brewer, ME 04412
PH#989-5885 and Fax# 989-0815

ITEM # 13

Estimate

Date	Estimate #
8/15/2014	9669

Name / Address
TOWN OF VEAZIE C/O MIKE LEONARD VIA EMAIL: MLEONARD@VEAZIE.NET

Primary Phone	Cell Phone
947-2781	852-5333

Qty	Description
	RE: 56 OAK GROVE - HOMEOWNER MARY TOPEL
	PART A: CONSISTING OF REBUILDING THE RIGHT HAND SIDE FROM THE DRIVEWAY UNTIL IT MAKES THE CURVE. UP UNTIL WHERE IT HAS FALLEN OVER.
1	YARDS OF 2" MINUS SCREENED GRAVEL
1	FUEL, TRUCKING CHARGE AND BOBCAT
1	LANDSCAPING LABOR CHARGE
	TOTAL FOR PART A: \$3,570.00
	PART B: CONSISTING OF REBUILDING THE AREA FROM WHERE IT IS FALLING OVER AND LEADING LEFT DOWN TOWARDS THE CORNER AND AROUND.
1	MATERIALS - GRAVEL, CRUSHED ROCK AND GEO GRID FABRIC
1	FUEL, TRUCKING CHARGE AND BOBCAT
1	LANDSCAPING LABOR CHARGE
	TOTAL FOR PART B: \$3,570
	PART C: CONSISTING OF REMOVING THE ENTIRE RETAINING WALL AND ALL BLOCKS. REGARDING THE BANK AREA, SPREADING LOAM, GRADING, SEEDING AND PINNING EROSION CONTROL FABRIC "JUTE".
1	YARDS OF 2" MINUS SCREENED GRAVEL
1	FUEL, TRUCKING CHARGE AND BOBCAT
1	LANDSCAPING LABOR CHARGE
	TOTAL FOR PART C: \$1,650

PLEASE SIGN (1) COPY OF THIS ESTIMATE AND RETURN WITH \$50 DEPOSIT TO ACCEPT. PMT TERMS: 60% DUE 1ST DAY OF PROJECT, 30% DUE LAST DAY, FINAL 10% TO BE BILLED. HYDROSEEDING CUSTOMERS ONLY: MY SIGNATURE ACCEPTING THIS ESTIMATE FOR LANDSCAPING SERVICES INDICATES THAT I: 1) HAVE READ THE HOMEOWNER CARE INFORMATION 2) AGREE TO PROVIDE THE CARE MY LAWN NEEDS TO GROW 3) AGREE TO PAY IN FULL FOR THE HYDROSEEDING JUST PRIOR TO OR AT THE TIME THE SPRAYING IS PERFORMED AND 4) KNOW SPRAYING WILL NOT BE DONE AS SCHEDULED IF PMT IS NOT MADE AND 5) WILL NOT HOLD MITCHELL'S RESPONSIBLE FOR DROUGHT CONDITIONS, FLOODING, WEEDS OR OTHER DESTRUCTIVE WEATHER EVENTS.

Mitchell's provides liability, property damage, and workers compensation insurance; a copy of the insurance certificate is available upon request. 1.5% finance charge (18%APR) will be applied to past due balances. WE WOULD BE PLEASED TO ASSIST YOU WITH YOUR PROJECT AND PROVIDE THE BEST QUALITY SERVICE AVAILABLE.

Subtotal	REFER TO EACH
Sales Tax (5.0%)	PART FOR TOTAL
Total	

SIGNED ACCEPTANCE

Town of Veazie Charter

Section 00.01 Grants of Powers to the Town

00.01.01 Powers of the Town

The Town of Veazie shall have all powers possible for a municipality to have under the Constitution and laws of Maine.

00.01.02 Construction

The powers of the Town of Veazie under this Charter shall be construed liberally to the end that the Town may have all powers necessary or convenient for the conduct of its municipal affairs. The specific mention of particular powers in the Charter shall not be construed as limiting in any way the general powers stated in this section.

00.01.03 Intergovernmental Relations

The Town of Veazie may exercise any of its functions and may participate in the financing thereof, jointly or in cooperation, by contract or otherwise, with any one or more states or civil divisions or agencies thereof, or of the United States or any agency thereof.

Section 00.02 The Town Council

00.02.01 Number, Election and Term

The Town Council of the Town of Veazie shall be composed of five (5) members, each of whom shall be elected by the registered voters of the entire Town and will serve three (3) year staggered terms.

00.02.02 Qualifications

Council members shall be qualified voters of the Town of Veazie and shall reside in the Town during their term of office. Council members shall hold no office of emolument or profit under the Town Charter or ordinance.

00.02.03 Compensation

The compensation of the Council Chair and the Councilors shall be established annually at the annual Town Meeting as part of the annual town budget. The compensation established by the annual Town Meeting shall be paid to the Councilors in equal quarterly payments; however, if a Councilor misses more than three regular or duly called Council meetings in a quarter, without an excuse approved by the Council, the pay for that quarter shall be forfeited.

00.02.04 Induction of Council into Office

The Town Council shall meet at the usual place for holding meetings within 5 days following the regular Town election, and at said meeting council members-elect shall be sworn to the faithful discharge of their duties by the Town Clerk or an official authorized to

administer oaths of office. At its first meeting or as soon thereafter as practicable, the Council shall elect, by majority vote of the entire Council, one of its members as Chair for the ensuing year and the Council may fill, for an unexpired term, any vacancy in the office of Chair that may occur. The Chair shall preside at the meetings of the Council, shall be entitled to vote on all questions and shall be recognized as head of the Town Government for all ceremonial purposes, but shall have no administrative duties. In temporary absence or disability of the Chair, the Town Council, may elect a Chair pro tempore, from among its members, and the Chair pro tempore shall exercise the powers of Chair during the temporary absence or disability of the Chair.

00.02.05 Council to be the Judge of Qualification of its Members

The Council shall be the judge of the election and qualifications of all officers elected by the voters under this Charter and of the grounds for forfeiture of their office and for that purpose shall have the power to subpoena witnesses, to administer oaths, and to require production of records and other evidence. An officer charged with conduct constituting grounds for forfeiture of the office shall be entitled to a public hearing on demand, and notice of such hearing shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the municipality at least one week in advance of the hearing. Decisions made by the Council under this section shall be subject to review by the Courts.

00.02.06 Regular Meetings

The Town Council shall, at its first meeting or as soon as possible thereafter, establish by resolution a regular place and time for holding its regular meetings and shall meet regularly at least once a month. The Council shall also provide at the first meeting or as soon thereafter as possible a method for calling special meetings. All meetings of the Town Council shall be open to the public. Executive sessions shall be conducted pursuant to Section 405 of M.R.S.A., Title 1, Chapter 13.

00.02.07 Rules of Procedure; Journal

The Town Council shall determine its own rules and order of business and shall provide for keeping a journal of its proceedings. This journal shall be a public record. Voting, except on procedural motions, shall be by roll call and the ayes and nays shall be recorded into the journal by the Clerk or any other person so authorized by the Council.

00.02.08 Quorum

A majority of the Town Council shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, but a smaller number may adjourn from time to time or may compel attendance of absent members. At least 24 hours notice of the time and place of holding such adjourned meeting shall be given to all members who were not present at the meeting from which the adjournment was taken.

00.02.09 Action Requiring an Ordinance

In addition to other acts required by law or by specific provisions of this Charter to be done by ordinance, those acts of the Council shall be by ordinance which:

- ▶ Adopt or amend an administrative code, or establish, alter or abolish any Town Department, office or agency;
- ▶ Provide for a fine or other penalty or establish a rule or regulation for violation of which a fine or other penalty is imposed;
- ▶ Grant, renew or extend a franchise;
- ▶ Regulate the rate charged for its services by a public utility;
- ▶ Authorize the borrowing of money;
- ▶ Convey or lease or authorize a conveyance or lease of any lands of the Town; and
- ▶ Amend or repeal any ordinance previously adopted.

Acts other than those referred to in the preceding sentence may be done either by ordinance, by order or by resolution. Nothing contained herein shall diminish the right of the citizens of the Town of Veazie to approve or disapprove at a Town Meeting acts of the Council, whether such acts be by ordinance or otherwise. Petitions to bring ordinances before Town Meeting shall be brought pursuant to section 00.10.03.01.

00.02.10 Ordinances in General

00.02.10.01 Form

Every proposed ordinance shall be introduced in writing and in the form required for final adoption. No ordinance shall contain more than one subject which shall be clearly expressed in its title. The enacting clause shall be "the Town of Veazie hereby ordains . . . "Any ordinance which repeals or amends an existing ordinance shall set out in full the ordinance sections or sub-sections to be repealed or amended, and shall indicate matter to be omitted by enclosing it in brackets or by strikeout type and shall indicate new matter by underscoring or by italics.

00.02.10.02 Procedure

An ordinance may be introduced by any member at any regular or special meeting of the Council. Upon introduction of any ordinance, the Secretary to the Council shall distribute a copy to each Council member and to the Town Manager, shall file a reasonable number of copies in the office of the Clerk and such other public places as the Council may designate, and shall publish the Ordinance together with a notice setting out the time and place for a public hearing thereon and for its consideration by the Council. The public hearing shall follow the publication by at least seven days, may be held separately or in connection with a regular or special Council meeting and may be adjourned from time to time; all persons interested shall have a reasonable opportunity to be heard. After the hearing the Council may adopt the ordinance with or without amendment or reject it; but, if it is amended as to any matter of substance, the Council may not adopt it until the ordinance or its amended

sections have been subjected to all the procedures herein before required in the case of a newly introduced ordinance. As soon as practicable after adoption of any ordinance, the Secretary to the Council shall have it published again together with a notice of its adoption.

00.02.10.03 Vote

Every ordinance shall require on passage the affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the Council.

00.02.10.04 Effective Date

Ordinances shall become effective at the expiration of 30 days after adoption or at any later date specified therein.

00.02.10.05 "Publish" Defined

As used in this section the term "publish" means to print in at least one newspaper of general circulation in the Town:

- ▶ the ordinance or a brief summary thereof, and
- ▶ the places where copies of it have been filed and the times when these are available for inspection.

00.02.11 Emergency Ordinances

To meet a public emergency affecting life, health, property or the public peace, the Council may adopt one or more emergency ordinances. An emergency ordinance shall be plainly designated as an emergency ordinance and shall contain, after the enacting clause, a declaration stating that an emergency exists and describing it in clear and specific terms. An emergency ordinance may be adopted with or without amendment or rejected at the meeting at which it is introduced, but the affirmative vote of at least the majority plus one member shall be required for adoption. After its adoption the ordinance shall be posted up in at least three public places in Veazie. It shall become effective upon adoption or at such later time as may be specified therein. Every emergency ordinance except one authorizing the issuance of emergency notes shall stand repealed as of the sixty-first day following the date on which it was adopted, but this shall not prevent re-enactment of the ordinance in the manner specified in this section if the emergency still exists. An emergency ordinance may also be repealed by adoption of a repealing ordinance in the same manner specified in this section for adoption of emergency ordinances.

0.02.12 Authentication and Recording; Codification; and Printing

00.02.12.01 Authentication and Recording

All ordinances adopted by the Council shall be authenticated by the signature of the Clerk of the Council and recorded in full by the Clerk in a properly indexed book kept for the purpose.

00.02.12.02 Codification

Within three years after adoption of this Charter and at least every ten years thereafter, the Council shall provide for the publication of a general codification of all ordinances and resolutions having the force and effect of law. The general codification shall be adopted by the Council by ordinance and shall be printed promptly in bound or loose-leaf form, together with this Charter and any amendments thereto, pertinent provisions of the Constitution and other laws of the State of Maine and other rules and regulations as the Council may specify. Any codification ordinance may be published by title. This compilation shall be known and cited officially as the Veazie Code. Copies of the code shall be available at the Town Office for the public and made available electronically via the Town's website.

00.02.12.03 Printing of Ordinances and Resolutions

The Council shall cause each ordinance and resolution having the force and effect of law and each amendment of this Charter to be printed promptly following its adoption, and the printed ordinances, resolutions and Charter amendments shall be distributed or sold to the public at reasonable prices to be fixed by the Council. Following publication of the first Veazie Code and at all times thereafter, the Ordinances, Resolutions, and Charter amendments shall be printed in substantially the same style as the code currently in effect and shall be suitable in form for integration therein. The Council shall make such further arrangements as it deems desirable with respect to reproduction and distribution of any current changes or additions to the provisions of the Constitution and other laws of the State of Maine, or the codes of technical regulations and other rules and regulations included in the code.

00.02.13 Vacancies; Forfeiture of Office; Filling of Vacancies

00.02.13.01 Vacancies

The office of Councilor shall become vacant upon the Councilor's nonacceptance, resignation, abandonment, death, permanent disability, permanent incompetency, failure to qualify for the office within ten days after written demand by the Council, forfeiture of office or failure of the municipality to elect a person to the office.

00.02.13.02 Forfeiture of Office

A Council member shall forfeit the office if the member:

- ▶ lacks at any time during the term of office any qualifications for the office prescribed by this Charter or by law,
- ▶ violates any express prohibition of this Charter,
- ▶ is convicted of a crime or offense which is reasonably related to the member's inability to serve on the Council,
- ▶ is convicted of a felony or crimes of moral turpitude, or

- fails to attend three consecutive regular meetings of the Council without being excused by the Council.

00.02.13.03 Filling of Vacancies

If a seat on the Town Council becomes vacant more than six months prior to the next regular election, the Council shall call a special election to fill the unexpired term within sixty days from the date that the vacancy occurred. If a seat on the Council becomes vacant less than six months prior to the next regular election, the Council may call a special election.

00.02.14 Secretary to the Council

The Council shall appoint an official or employee of the Town who shall have the title of Secretary to the Council and shall fix the Secretary's compensation. The Secretary to the Council shall give notice of Council meetings to its members and the public, keep a journal of proceedings and perform such other duties as are assigned by this Charter or by the Council.

00.02.15 General Powers and Duties

All powers of the Town of Veazie shall be vested in the Council except as otherwise provided by law or this Charter. The Council shall provide for the exercise thereof and for the performance of all duties and obligations imposed on the municipality by law. The Council shall be the municipal officers of the Town.

00.02.16 Prohibitions

Neither the Council nor any of its members shall, in any manner, dictate the appointment or removal of any administrative officers or employees whom the Manager or any of the Manager's subordinates are empowered to appoint; but the Council may express its views and fully and freely discuss with the Manager anything pertaining to appointment and removal of such officers and employees.

Except for the purpose of inquiry, the Council and its members shall deal with the administrative services solely through the Manager and neither the Council nor any member thereof shall give orders to any subordinates of the Manager either publicly or privately.

Section 00.03 Town Manager

00.03.01 Appointment; Qualification

The Town Council shall appoint a Town Manager for an indefinite term or term defined by contract and fix the Manager's compensation. The Manager shall be appointed on the basis of executive and administrative qualifications. The Manager need not be a resident of the Town or State at the time of appointment, but may reside outside the Town while in office only with the approval of the Council.

00.03.02 Removal

The Council may remove the Manager from office in accordance with the following procedures:

00.03.02.01

The Council shall adopt by affirmative vote of a majority of all its members a preliminary resolution which must state the reasons for removal and may suspend the Manager from duty for a period not to exceed 30 days. A copy of the resolution shall be delivered within 96 hours to the Manager by person authorized to serve legal process within this State.

00.03.02.02

Within 7 days after receiving a copy of the resolution, the Manager may file with the Council a written request for a public hearing. This hearing shall be held at a Council meeting not earlier than 10 nor later than 20 days after the request is filed. The Manager may file with the Council a written reply not later than 5 days before the hearing.

00.03.02.03

The Council may adopt a final resolution of removal, which may be made effective immediately, by affirmative vote of a majority of all its members at any time, if the Manager has not requested a public hearing, or at any time after the public hearing, if the Manager has requested such hearing.

00.03.02.04

The Manager's salary shall continue to be paid until the effective day of final resolution or removal. In addition, the Manager shall receive severance pay and other allowances at the discretion of the Town Council.

00.03.03 Absence of the Town Manager

By letter filed with the Secretary to the Council, the Manager shall designate, subject to the approval of the Council, a qualified Town administrative officer to exercise the powers and perform the duties of the Manager during the Manager's temporary absence or disability.

During such absence or disability, the Council may revoke such designation at any time and appoint another officer of the Town to serve until the Manager shall return or the Manager's disability shall cease. In the event of failure of the Manager to make such designation, the Council may by resolve appoint any administrative officer of the Town to perform the duties of the Manager until the Manager shall return or the Manager's disability shall cease.

00.03.04 Powers and Duties of Town Manager

The Town Manager shall be the chief administrative officer of the Town. The Manager shall be responsible to the Council for the administration of all Town affairs placed in the Manager's charge by or under this Charter. The Manager shall have the following powers and duties:

00.03.04.01

The Manager shall appoint, and, when deemed necessary for the good of the service, suspend or remove all Town employees and appoint to the administrative offices provided for by or under this Charter, except as otherwise provided by law, by this Charter or by personnel rules adopted pursuant to this Charter. The Manager may authorize any administrative officer who is subject to the Manager's direction and supervision to exercise these powers with respect to subordinates in that officer's department, office or agency.

00.03.04.02

The Manager shall direct and supervise the administration of all departments, offices, and agencies of the Town, except as otherwise provided by the Charter or by law.

00.03.04.03

The Manager shall attend all Council meetings and shall have the right to take part in discussion, but may not vote.

00.03.04.04

The Manager shall see that all laws, provisions of the Charter and acts of the Council subject to enforcement by the Manager or by officers subject to the Manager's direction and supervision, are faithfully executed.

00.03.04.05

The Manager shall prepare and submit the annual budget, the annual capital program and annual financial and administrative reports to the Council for the annual Town Report.

00.03.03.06

The Manager shall prepare and submit to the Council such reports and shall perform such duties as the Council may require and shall make such recommendation to the Council concerning the affairs of the Town as deemed desirable.

00.03.04.07

The Manager shall assist, insofar as possible, residents and taxpayers in discovering their lawful remedies in cases involving complaints of unfair vendor, administrative and governmental practices.

00.03.03.08

The Manager shall perform the duties of the Town Treasurer, Tax Collector, Road Commissioner, and Overseer of the Poor.

00.03.04.09

The Manager shall perform such other duties as are specified in this Charter or may be required by the Council.

00.03.05 Bond

The Council may, in its discretion, require the Manager to secure a surety bond, performance bond, or other bond, prior to or subsequent to the assumption of the Office of Manager. The Council may, its discretion, pay the premium on such Bond.

Section 00.04 Administrative Organization

00.04.01 General Administration

00.04.01.01 Creation of Departments

The Council may establish, alter, or abolish town departments, offices or agencies in addition to those created by this Charter and may prescribe the functions of all departments, offices and agencies by ordinance.

00.04.01.02 Direction by Manager

All departments, offices and agencies under the direction and supervision of the Manager shall be administered by an officer appointed by and subject to the direction and supervision of the Manager. With the consent of the Council, the Manager may serve as head of one or more such departments, offices or agencies or may appoint one person as the head of two or more of them.

00.04.02 Personnel Administration

00.04.02.01 Equal Opportunity

In its employment practices, the Town of Veazie and its officers, agents and employees, shall not discriminate against any person in accordance with the Maine Human Rights Act , 5 M.R.S.A. §§ 4551-4634 , as the same may be amended or replaced from time to time.

00.04.02.02 Personnel Director

The Manager shall be designated personnel director. The personnel director shall administer the personnel system of the Town.

00.04.02.03 Personnel Rules

The personnel director shall prepare personnel rules. These rules shall be proposed to the Council, and the Council may adopt them with or without amendment.

00.04.03 School Administration

00.04.03.01 School Committee

There shall be a Town School Committee of five members. Members shall be elected to serve staggered three year terms. At each regular municipal election, School Committee members shall be elected to fill the positions of those whose terms have expired.

00.04.03.02 Qualifications

Members of the School Committee shall be voters of the Town and shall reside in the Town during their term of office. They shall hold no office of emolument or profit under this Charter or ordinances. A Committee member shall forfeit the office if the member lacks at any time during the member's office any qualifications of the office prescribed by this Charter or by law, or upon final conviction of a felony.

00.04.03.03 Vacancies; Forfeiture of Office; Filling of Vacancies

00.04.03.03.01 Vacancies

The office of School Committee members shall become vacant upon nonacceptance, resignation, abandonment, death, permanent incompetency, forfeiture of office, or failure of the municipality to elect a person to the office.

00.04.03.03.02 Forfeiture of Office

A School Committee member shall forfeit the office if the member:

- ▶ at any time during the term of office lacks any of the qualifications for the office prescribed by this Charter or by law,
- ▶ violates any express prohibition of this Charter,
- ▶ is convicted of a crime or offense which is reasonably related to the member's ability to serve as a Committee member,
- ▶ is convicted of a crime of moral turpitude, or
- ▶ fails to attend three consecutive regular Committee meetings without being excused by the Committee.

00.04.03.03.03 Filling of Vacancies

If a vacancy on the School Committee shall exist, it shall be filled by a majority vote of the Town Council until the next municipal election.

00.04.03.04 Organization; Qualification; Quorum

The School Committee shall meet for organization no later than two weeks after the annual Town Meeting and at said meeting the member-elect shall be sworn to the faithful discharge of their duties by the Town Clerk or an official authorized to administer oaths of office. The majority of the whole number of the School Committee shall be a quorum and the Committee shall elect its own Chair.

00.04.03.05 Powers and Duties

The School Committee shall have all the powers conferred and shall perform all the duties imposed by law upon School Committees in regard to the care and management of the public schools of the Town, except as otherwise provided in this Charter. The School Committee shall prepare budget estimates in detail of the several sums required during the ensuing budget year for the support of the public schools; and at least 75 days before the

beginning of the budget year, the School Committee shall furnish copies of such estimates to the Budget Committee and Town Manager.

00.04.03.06 Chair

At the first meeting annually, or as soon thereafter as possible, the School Committee shall elect by majority vote of the entire committee one of its members as chair of the School Committee for the ensuing year, and the School Committee may fill for the unexpired term any vacancy in the office of chair that may occur. The chair shall preside at all meetings of the School Committee and shall have a vote as other members of said committee.

00.04.03.07 Compensation

The compensation of the School Committee members and Committee Chair shall be established annually at the annual Town Meeting as part of the annual school budget. The compensation established at the annual Town Meeting shall be paid to the Committee members in equal quarterly payments; however, if a Committee member misses two or more regular or duly called Committee meetings in a quarter, without an excuse approved by the Committee, the pay for that quarter shall be forfeited.

Section 00.05 Tax Administration

00.05.01 Assessor

The Town Council shall appoint a qualified Assessor for a term not exceeding two years and shall determine the compensation. The Assessor shall have such duties and be subject to such liabilities as are provided for such Assessors under the laws of the State of Maine.

00.05.02 Board of Assessment Review; Appointment; Vacancies

The Board of Appeals shall serve as the Board of Assessment Review.

00.05.03 Board of Assessment Review; Powers; Duties

The Board of Assessment Review shall have the power to:

- ▶ Hear and decide tax abatement appeals pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. §843, as the same may be amended or replaced from time to time.
- ▶ Administer oaths.
- ▶ Take testimony.
- ▶ Adopt regulations regarding the procedure of assessment review not inconsistent with statutory provisions.

Section 00.06 Board of Appeals

00.06.01 Composition and Terms

There shall be a Board of Appeals composed of five members appointed by the Council. Members shall be voters of the Town and shall reside in the Town during their term of office. The term of office shall be three years; except that initial appointments shall be two for three years, two for two years, and one for one year.

00.06.02 Jurisdiction

The Board of Appeals shall act as the Zoning Board of Appeals and have the same powers and duties as prescribed by the laws of the State of Maine for such boards. In addition, the Board of Appeals shall have the jurisdiction to hear appeals that may arise under the housing code, building code, or any other regulatory ordinance enacted pursuant to this Charter or the laws of the State of Maine, which provide therein for such appeals. The Board of Appeals may also serve as the Board of Assessment Review, and General Assistance Fair Hearing Authority.

00.06.03 Vacancies; Removal from Office; Filling of Vacancies

00.06.03.01 Vacancies

The office of Board of Appeals members shall become vacant upon the member's nonacceptance, resignation, abandonment, death, permanent disability, permanent incompetency, or failure to qualify for the office within ten days after written demand by the Council.

00.06.03.02 Removal from Office

Board of Appeals members may be removed from office for cause after a hearing by the Council.

00.06.03.03 Filling of Vacancies

A vacancy in the membership of the Board of Appeals shall be filled by appointment by the Council for the remainder of an unexpired term.

Section 00.07 Financial Procedures

00.07.01 Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of the Town shall be determined by the Council after a public hearing and ballot vote.

00.07.02 Budget Officer and Budget Committee

The Town Manager shall be the Budget Officer. A Budget Committee of not less than five members shall be appointed by the Town Council. Members shall be voters of the Town and shall reside in the Town during their term of office. The Budget Committee shall meet at least quarterly throughout the fiscal year to review the fiscal status as it relates to revenue and expenditures. The Budget Committee shall endeavor to be present at the annual Town Meeting and at any Special Town Meeting having a financial impact on the

town. All Municipal Department heads shall submit a proposed budget to the Town Manager who will then present it to the Budget Committee. After review and recommendations by the Budget Committee, the Budget Officer shall prepare the Budget message, Budget summary, the Budget detail, the Capital Program for submission to the Council and shall administer the Budget.

00.07.03 Preparation and Submission of the Budget

The Budget Committee, at least seventy-five (75) days prior to the beginning of each Budget year, shall submit Municipal Budget recommendations to the Budget Officer. The Town Manager at least 60 days prior to the beginning of each budget year, shall submit to the Council a Municipal budget and an explanatory budget message. The budget authority of the Council shall be limited to the final determination of the total appropriations to be made to each of the several offices, departments and agencies of the Town, including the School Committee. The Municipal Budget shall contain:

- ▶ A statement of the financial condition of the Town.
- ▶ An itemized statement of appropriation recommended for current expenses and for permanent improvements, with comparative statements in parallel columns of budgeted appropriations for the current year, actual expenditures for the year to date, and proposed appropriations for the next fiscal year. An increase or decrease in any item shall be indicated.
- ▶ An itemized statement of estimated revenues from all sources, other than taxation, and a statement of taxes required, comparative figures in parallel columns of proposed and actual revenues to date for the current year and estimated revenues for the next fiscal year.
- ▶ Such other information as may be required by the Council.

The proposed budget prepared by the Town Manager shall be reviewed by the Town Council which shall approve the budget with or without amendment. The complete Town budget, including the School budget, as approved by the Council shall be published and the Council shall fix the time and place for holding a public hearing for the budget, and shall give public notice of such hearing. The Council shall then review the budget and recommend it, with or without change, to the annual Town Meeting.

00.07.04 Budget Established Appropriations

From the date of adoption of the budget the several amounts stated therein as proposed appropriations shall be and become appropriated to the several agencies and purposes therein named.

00.07.05 Budget Establishes Amount to be Raised by Property Tax; Certification to Town Assessor

From the date of adoption of the budget, the amounts stated therein as the amount to be raised by property tax shall constitute a determination of the amount of the levy for the purposes of the Town in the corresponding tax year. A copy of the budget as finally adopted shall be certified by the Clerk and filed with the Tax Assessor, whose duty it shall be to levy such taxes for the corresponding tax year.

00.07.06 Budget Summary

At the head of the budget there shall appear a summary of a budget, which need not be itemized, further than by principal sources of anticipated revenue, stating separately the amount to be raised by property tax, and shall be itemized also by departments and kinds of expenditures, in such a manner as to present to taxpayers a simple and clear summary of detailed estimates of the budget. Copies of the proposed budget in detail shall be included with each Town Report.

00.07.07 Expenditures and Department Revenue

The budget for all departments, including the School Department, shall include all proposed expenditures, and the Town Meeting shall make a gross appropriation for each department including the School Department, for the ensuing fiscal year. The gross appropriation for each department shall not be exceeded. The school budget shall be expended under the direction and control of the School Committee.

00.07.08 Work Program; Allotments

Before the beginning of the budget year, the head of each office or department shall submit to the Town Manager when required by the Manager a work program of the year, which program shall show the requested allotments of appropriations for such office or department, by stated periods, for the entire budget year. The Town Manager shall review the requested allotments of appropriations for such office or department, by stated periods, for the entire budget year, and present same to the Budget Committee. The Budget Committee shall review the requested allotments in the light of the work program of the office or department, and may revise, alter or change such allotments before approving the same. The aggregate of such allotments shall not exceed the total appropriations available to said office or department for the Budget year appropriations available to said office or department for the Budget year. The Budget Committee shall return the approved proposed budget to the Town Manager.

00.07.09 Transfers of Appropriations

At the request of the Manager with exception of the school budget, the Town Council may by resolution transfer any unencumbered appropriation balance or portion thereof, from one appropriation to another.

00.07.10 Interim Expenditures

In the period between the beginning of the fiscal year and the appropriation of funds, the Council may authorize expenditures for current departmental expenses chargeable to the appropriations for the year when made in amounts sufficient to cover the necessary expenses of various departments.

00.07.11 Lapse of Appropriations

Every general fund appropriation shall lapse at the close of the fiscal year to the extent that it has not been expended or encumbered, except that an appropriation for a capital expenditure shall not lapse until the purpose for which it was made is accomplished or abandoned or until four years pass without any disbursement from or encumbrance of the appropriation.

00.07.12 Payments and Obligations Prohibited

No payment shall be made or obligation incurred against any allotment or appropriation except in accordance with appropriations duly made and unless the Manager first certifies that there is sufficient unencumbered balance in such allotment or appropriation and that sufficient funds therefrom are or will be available to cover the claim or meet the obligation when it becomes due and payable. Any authorization of payment or incurring of obligation in violation of the provisions of this Charter shall be void and any payment so made illegal; such action shall be cause for removal of any officer who knowingly authorized or made such payment or incurred such obligation, and that officer shall also be liable to the Town for any amount so paid. However, except where prohibited by law, nothing in this Chapter shall be construed to prevent the making of authorizing of payments or making of contracts for capital improvements to be financed wholly or partly by the issuance of bonds or to prevent the making of any contract or lease providing for payments beyond the end of the fiscal year, provided such action is made or approved by ordinance.

00.07.13 Capital Program

The Manager shall prepare and submit to the Council a five year capital program at least three months prior to the final date for submission of the budget. The capital program shall include:

- ▶ A clear general summary of its contents;
- ▶ A list of all capital improvements which are proposed to be undertaken during the five fiscal years next ensuing, with appropriate supporting information as to the necessities for such improvements;
- ▶ Cost estimates, method of financing and recommended time schedules for each such improvement;
- ▶ The estimated annual cost of operating and maintaining the facilities to be constructed or acquired.

This information may be revised and extended each year with regard to capital improvements still pending or in process of construction or acquisition. The proposed capital program shall be reviewed by the Council, which shall approve it with or without amendments. The Council shall fix the time and place for holding a public hearing on the capital program, and shall give public notice of such hearing. The Council shall approve the capital program with or without amendments after such public hearing.

00.07.14 Independent Annual Audit

Prior to the end of each fiscal year, the Town Council shall designate the State Department of Audit or certified public accountants who, as of the end of the fiscal year shall make an independent audit of accounts and other evidences of financial transactions of the town government and shall submit their report to the Council and to the Manager. Such accountants shall not maintain any accounts or records of the town business, but shall post audit the books and documents kept by the department of finance and any separate or subordinate accounts kept by any other office or department of the town government including the school department.

Section 00.08 Nominations and Elections

00.08.01 Municipal Elections

The regular election for the choice of members of the Town Council and the School Committee shall be held from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday in June

00.08.02 Nomination

Any qualified voter of the Town may be nominated for the Town Council or School Committee in accordance with Title 30-A M.R.S. Section 2528, as the same may be amended or replaced from time to time.

00.08.03 Election Provisions

Provisions of the laws of the State of Maine relating to the qualifications of voters, registration, the manner of voting, the duties of election officers and all other particulars respective to preparation for conducting and management of elections so far as they may be applicable, shall govern all municipal elections, except as otherwise provided in this Charter.

Section 00.09 Town Meeting

00.09.01 Annual and Special Town Meeting

An annual Town Meeting for the consideration of the budget to the extent herein provided and the transaction of other Town business which voters are authorized to vote upon shall be held on the second Tuesday in June, at 8:00 p.m. Special Town Meetings may be called by the Council.

00.09.02 Purpose of the Town Meeting

The Town Meeting is required for approval of the following:

- ▶ Annual Budget;
- ▶ Any appropriation for any amount which exceeds one and one-half percent (1.5) of the most recently approved municipal annual budget, excluding the budget for the School Department.

- The issuance of bonds or notes, except notes in anticipation of taxes to be paid within the fiscal year in which issued.

The above appropriations shall become effective only after approval at a Town Meeting by the vote of a majority of those voting on the article at such meeting. The Town Meeting shall not increase or decrease the amount of any appropriation recommended by the Council by more than one and a half percent (1.5), and shall not increase the amount of any bond issued above the amount recommended by the Council.

00.09.03 Method of Abolishing the Town Meeting

At any time after the adoption of this Charter, not less than 10 percent of the registered voters of the Town may petition over their personal signature for a special Town Meeting to vote upon the question of submitting to a referendum vote on the ballot at a special Town election the proposition of abolishing the Town Meeting. The Council shall call a public hearing to be held within thirty days from the date of the filing of such petition with the Town Clerk, and shall within 14 days after said public hearing call a special Town Meeting for the purpose of submitting to a referendum vote the question of abolishing the Town Meeting in the Town of Veazie. If at such special election a majority of the voters of the Town voting on the question shall vote for the abolition of the Town Meeting of the Town of Veazie, the powers heretofore vested in the Town Meeting shall be conferred upon and exercised by the Town Council.

Section 00.10 Initiative and Referendum

00.10.01 General Authority

00.10.01.01 Initiative

The qualified voters of the Town shall have power to propose ordinances to the Council and, if the Council fails to adopt an ordinance so proposed without any change in substance, to adopt or reject it at an election, provided that such power shall not extend to the budget or capital program or any ordinance relating to the appropriation of money, levy of taxes, or salaries of officers and employees.

00.10.01.02 Referendum

The qualified voters of the Town shall have power to require reconsideration by the Council of any adopted ordinance and, if the Council fails to repeal an ordinance so reconsidered, to approve or reject it at a Town election provided that such powers shall not extend to the budget or capital program or any emergency ordinance or ordinance relating to the appropriation of money, levy of taxes, or salaries of officers and employees.

00.10.02 Commencement of Proceedings; Petitioners' Committee; Affidavit

Any five registered voters may commence initiative or referendum proceedings by filing with the Clerk an affidavit stating they will constitute the petitioners' committee and be

responsible for circulating the petition and filing it in proper form stating their names and street addresses and specifying the mailing address to which all notices to the committee are to be sent, and setting out in full the proposed initiative ordinance or citing the ordinance sought to be reconsidered. Promptly after the affidavit of the petitioners' committee is filed the Clerk shall issue the appropriate petition blanks to the petitioners' committee.

00.10.03 Petitions

00.10.03.01 Number of Signatures

Initiative and referendum petitions must be signed by qualified voters of the Town equal in number to at least 5% of the total number of qualified voters registered to vote at the last regular municipal election.

00.10.03.02 Form and Content

All papers of a petition shall be uniform in size and style and shall be assembled as one instrument for filing. Each signature shall be executed in ink and shall be followed by the printed name and street address of the person signing. Petitions shall contain or have attached hereto throughout their circulation the full text of the ordinance proposed or sought to be reconsidered.

00.10.03.03 Affidavit of Circulator

Each paper of a petition shall have attached to it when filed an affidavit executed by the circulator thereof stating that the circulator personally circulated the paper, the number of signatures thereon, that all the signatures were affixed in the circulator's presence, that the circulator believes them to be the genuine signatures of the persons whose names they purport to be and that each signer had the opportunity before signing to read the full text of the ordinance proposed or sought to be reconsidered.

00.10.03.04 Time for Filing Referendum Petitions

Referendum petitions must be filed within 30 days after adoption by the Council of the Ordinance sought to be reconsidered.

00.10.03.05 Time for Filing Initiative Petitions

The petitioners' committee shall have 30 days from the filing of the affidavit with the Clerk to cause the petition to be signed by at least 5% of the total number of qualified voters registered to vote at the last municipal election.

00.10.03.06 Failure to Secure Necessary Signatures

Should fewer qualified voters than required by the Charter sign the petition in the specified time, the petition shall have no further force or effect, and all proceedings thereon shall be terminated. In the case of initiative, a request to initiate the same ordinance may not be accepted by the Clerk until 120 days after the expiration of the previous filing period.

00.10.04 Procedure After Filing

00.10.04.01 Certificate of Clerk; Amendment

Within 20 days after the petition is filed, the Clerk shall complete a certificate as to its sufficiency, specifying if it is insufficient, the particulars wherein it is defective and shall promptly send a copy of the certificate to the petitioners' committee by mail. A petition certified insufficient for lack of the required number of valid signatures may be amended once if a petitioners' committee files a notice of intention to amend it with the Clerk within two days after receiving the copy of the certificate and files a supplementary petition upon additional papers within ten days after receiving the copy of such certificate. Such supplementary petition shall comply with the requirements of sections 00.10.03.02, 00.10.03.03, 00.10.03.05 and 00.10.03.06, and within five days after it is filed the Clerk shall complete a certificate as to the sufficiency of the petition as amended and promptly send a copy of such certificate to the petitioners' committee by mail as in the case of an original petition. If a petition or amended petition is certified sufficient or if a petition or amended petition is certified insufficient and the petitioners' committee does not elect to amend or request Council review under section 00.10.04.02 within the time required, the Clerk shall promptly present the certificate to the Council and then certificate shall then be a final determination as to the sufficiency of the petition.

00.10.04.02 Council Review

If a petition has been certified insufficient and the petitioners' committee does not file notice of intention to amend it or if an amended petition has been certified insufficient, the committee may, within two days after receiving a copy of such certificate, file a request that it may be reviewed by the Council. The Council shall review the certificate at its next meeting following the filing of such request and approve or disapprove it, and the Council's determination as to the sufficiency of the petition.

00.10.04.03 Court Review; New Petition

A final determination as to the sufficiency of a petition shall be subject to court review. A final determination of insufficiency, even if sustained upon court review, shall not prejudice the filing of a new petition for the same purpose.

00.10.05 Referendum Petitions; Suspension of Effect of Ordinance

When a referendum petition is filed with the Town Clerk, the ordinance to be reconsidered shall be suspended from taking effect. Such suspension shall terminate when:

- ▶ There is a final determination of insufficiency of the petition, or
- ▶ The petitioners' committee withdraws the petition, or
- ▶ The Council repeals the ordinance, or
- ▶ Thirty days have elapsed after a vote of the Town on the ordinance.

00.10.06 Action on Petitions

00.10.06.01 Action by Council

When an initiative or referendum petition has been determined sufficient, the Council shall within fourteen days hold a public hearing thereon, and thereafter shall consider the proposed ordinance or reconsider the referred ordinance. If the Council fails to adopt the proposed ordinance without any change in substance within 60 days, or fails to repeal the referred ordinance within 30 days, after the date the petition was determined sufficient, the Council shall submit to a vote the question of adopting or repealing such ordinance.

00.10.06.02 Submission to Voters

The vote on a proposed or referred ordinance shall be held not less than 30 days and not later than one year from the date of the final Council vote thereon, or the date of the deadline for Council action set forth above, whichever is earlier. If no regular Town election is to be held within the period prescribed in this section, the Council shall provide for a special election; otherwise, the vote shall be held at the same time as such regular election, except that the Council may at its discretion provide for a special election at an earlier date within the prescribed period. Copies of the proposed or referred ordinance shall be made available at the polls.

00.10.06.03 Withdrawal of Petitions

An initiative or referendum may be withdrawn at any time prior to the thirtieth day preceding the day scheduled for a vote of the voters by filing with the Clerk a request for withdrawal signed by at least four members of the petitioners' committee. Upon the filing of such request the petition shall have no further force or effect and all proceedings thereon shall be terminated.

00.10.07 Results of Election

00.10.07.01 Initiative

If a majority of the qualified electors voting on a proposed initiative ordinance vote in its favor, it shall be considered adopted upon certification of the election results and shall be treated in all respects in the same manner as ordinances of the same kind adopted by the Council. If conflicting ordinances of the same kind are approved at the same election, the one receiving the greatest number of affirmative votes shall prevail to the extent of such conflict.

00.10.07.02 Referendum

If a majority of the qualified electors voting on a referred ordinance vote against it, it shall be considered repealed upon certification of the election results.

Section 00.11 Recall

00.11.01

Any five qualified voters may begin at any time proceedings to recall a Council member or a School Committee member by requesting in writing to the Town Clerk for the appropriate petition blanks. These five registered voters shall be referred to as the Recall Committee.

All papers of the petition shall be uniform in size and style and shall be assembled as one instrument for filing. They shall contain or have attached thereto throughout their circulation a statement detailing the reason or reasons for recall and the names of the Recall Committee.

00.11.02

The Recall Committee shall have 30 days from the acceptance date of the request by the Town Clerk to cause the petition to be signed by 25 percent of the qualified voters of the Town. Each voter's signature shall be followed by the voter's printed name and street address of the person signing.

00.11.03

Within seven days after the petition circulation period ends the Town Clerk shall certify to the Council that the petition has been signed by not less than 25 percent of the qualified voters of the Town, that the circulator believes them to be the genuine signatures of the persons whose names they purport to be and that each signer had an opportunity to read the statement detailing the reason or reasons for recall.

00.11.04

Should fewer qualified voters than required by the Charter sign the petition in the specified time, the petition shall have no further force or effect, and all proceedings thereon shall be terminated and request for recall of the same Council member or School Committee member may not be accepted by the Clerk until 180 days after the expiration of the previous filing period.

00.11.05

Upon receipt of certification the Council shall within 30 days hold a municipal election for the purpose of submitting to vote the question of recall. A Council member or School Committee member shall be recalled when a majority of those voting thereon shall have voted in the affirmative. The Council shall within 30 days after the voters have recalled a Council member or School Committee member hold a special election to fill the vacancy.

00.11.06

A Council member, or School Committee member that is recalled by the voters shall be allowed to seek re-election at the special election called for the purpose of filling the vacancy created by the recall by filing a notice with the Town Clerk that the recalled official wishes to have that person's name appear on the ballot. The notice must be filed no later than the deadline to file nomination papers for the position. Other qualified voters who seek to fill the vacancy created by the recall shall have until the fifteenth day preceding the election to file nomination papers with the Town Clerk. The nomination papers shall be made available by the Town Clerk no later than the second business day after the Town

Council orders the election on the recall. Except as provided herein, the nomination process shall be in accordance with Section 00.08.02.

00.11.07

Pending action by the voters of the Town, the Council member or School Committee member that recall proceedings have been initiated against shall continue to exercise all the privileges of the member's office.

00.11.08

The ballot for recall shall contain the following question: "Shall (name of person being subjected to recall) be recalled from the office of (name of office)?" Immediately below such question shall appear in the following order, the words "Yes" and "No" and to the right of each a square in which the voter may cast the vote.

Section 00.12 General Provisions

00.12.01 Elected Officers; Term

The term of any elected officer shall begin the first business day following the final determination of the election of said officer. Any officer shall serve for the prescribed term or until the officer's successor is elected and qualified. If a person is elected to fill a vacancy in office, that term shall begin immediately upon taking the oath of office.

00.12.02 Swearing in Officers

Every Town officer or official shall be sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties incumbent upon the officer or official according to the Constitution and Laws of the State of Maine and the Charter and ordinances of the Town and shall be sworn to support the Constitution of the United States and Constitution of the State of Maine.

00.12.03 Personal Financial Interest

Any officer or employee who has a financial interest, direct or indirect or by reason of ownership of stock in any corporation, in any contract with the Town or in the sale of any land, materials, supplies or services to the Town or to a contractor supplying the Town shall make known that interest and shall refrain from voting upon or otherwise participating in the individual's capacity as an officer or employee in making of such sale or in the making or performance of such contract. Any officer or employee who willfully conceals such a financial interest or willfully violates the requirements of this section shall be guilty of malfeasance in office or position and shall forfeit the office or position.

Violation of this section with the knowledge express or implied of the person or corporation contracting with or making a sale to the Town shall render the contract or sale voidable by the Council.

00.12.04 Prohibitions

Activities Prohibited:

00.12.04.01

No elected Town officer shall hold more than one elected Town office concurrently.

00.12.04.02

No person shall be appointed to or removed from, or in any way favored or discriminated against with respect to any Town position or appointive Town administrative office in accordance with the Maine Human Rights Act, 5 M.R.S.A. §§ 4551-4634, as the same may be amended or replaced from time to time.

00.12.04.03

No person shall willfully make any false statement, certificate, mark, rating or report in regard to any test, certification or appointment under the personnel provisions of this Charter or the rules and regulations made thereunder, or in any manner commit or attempt to commit any fraud preventing the impartial execution of such provisions, rules and regulations.

00.12.04.04

No person shall, directly or indirectly, give, render, pay, offer, solicit, or accept any money, service, or other valuable consideration for any appointment, proposed appointment, promotion or proposed promotion to, or any advantage in, a position in the municipal service.

00.12.04.05

No person who holds a compensated appointive Town position shall solicit any assessments, contributions, or services for any political party from any employee in the municipal service.

00.12.05 Exceptions

Nothing herein contained shall affect the right of any person to hold membership in, and support, a political party, to vote as the person chooses, to express privately and publicly opinions on all political subjects and candidates, to maintain political neutrality, and to attend political meetings.

00.12.06 Penalties

The Council shall enact an ordinance prescribing penalties for the above. Any person found in violation of this section or any ordinance enacted pursuant to this section by a court of competent jurisdiction or by the Council acting in a judicial capacity shall be ineligible for a period of five years thereafter to hold any Town office or employment and shall immediately forfeit the office or position.

00.12.07 Separability

If any provision of this Charter is held invalid, the other provisions of the Charter shall not be affected thereby. If the application of the Charter or any of its provisions to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the application of the Charter and its provisions to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

Manager's Report For August 25, 2014 Council Meeting

Since the last council meeting here are some of the things that I've been working on and /or have been occurring in the Town:

The tax acquired property sale has been completed with the successful bidder. Once completed the property was removed from the Town's liability insurance.

I have been in contact with the successful bidder for the paving projects. I will be finalizing a contract with them next week. Insurance and performance/payment bonds are in place once the contract is completed. Silvers Construction has been preparing the ditches for paving. I have also spoken to (2) separate companies to receiving pricing on having an inspector present when the paving is occurring.

The Ridgeview Sign has been replaced. This had been damaged last winter and recently has drawn a lot of attention from residence so I replaced the sign

During one of the recent wind storms a tree blew over in the cemetery. This was cut up by members of the fire department and I picked up and chipped the remnants a few days later. At the same time I gathered and chipped brush from a tree that had come down on Riverview Street

I have met with Assessor Ben Birch, Assistant Assessor Lillian Smith and Julie Reed and we went over the final budget numbers before taxes were committed. Taxes have been committed as of 08-20-2014. Tax bills will be printed and mailed next week.

I have spoken to DOT numerous times in reference to the School Street paving project which started on 08-21-2014. During these discussions I have also spoke to them about the installation of new school zone signs. This will be occurring jointly between DOT and myself once the paving project is complete on School Street. I also spoke to several residents and businesses reference the School Street project. As of this writing the project appears to be going well and they anticipate having the road opened sooner than planned

I have continued to work diligently for a solution for the after school program. This has included talks with Orono which will be heard about at the Council meeting on Monday night. I have also spoken and met with representatives of the Bangor Y. This was for a backup plan if the plans with Orono were to not come to fruition. I believe the combination of the Orono and Veazie Recreation program is the best solution at this time.

Invitation was completed and sent to the water district on the proposed workshop for Sept 22.

I have removed the graffiti from (2) signs located at the Cemetery which was mentioned at the last council meeting. I also removed graffiti from a stop sign that was located at the end of Hobson Avenue.

Manager's Report For August 25, 2014 Council Meeting

I continue to work on the new policies and forms for the cemetery. This will be completed and hopefully present to the cemetery committee prior to the next council meeting so that they then can be presented to the Council for comment

I have responded to the Department of Labor reference an inspection that they completed on the Municipal side of the Town. All deficiencies have been addressed and supporting documentation was sent to along with my response.

Attachments:

Workshop Handouts form August 11th Council Meeting

Letter from Maine Community Foundation

Newspaper article on the Water District from the Penobscot Times

Invitation sent to the Water District for workshop

Planning Board Agenda for August 18th Meeting

Public Notice from State of Maine reference Tradewinds' application for agency liquor store license

ORONO VEAZIE WATER DISTRICT

UPDATE PRESENTED TO
TOWN OF ORONO
COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING
July 30, 2014

KEY WATER DISTRICT INITIATIVES

- WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT
- NEW WELL FIELD

WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT

- TRIHALOMETHANES (THMs) AND WHY THEY MATTER
- IMPROVEMENTS TO DATE
- CONTINUING EFFORTS

DISINFECTION BYPRODUCTS

- CHLORINATION IS ESSENTIAL FOR MICROBIAL PROTECTION OF DRINKING WATER (BUT)
- CHLORINE REACTS WITH NATURALLY OCCURRING ORGANIC MATTER IN GROUNDWATER TO FORM HALOGENATED ORGANIC COMPOUNDS

Regulated Contaminants	MCL (mg/L)	MCLG (mg/L)
TTHM	0.080	
Chloroform		0.07
Bromodichloromethane		Zero
Dibromochloromethane		0.06
Bromoform		Zero
HAAS	0.060	
Monochloroacetic acid		0.07
Dichloroacetic acid		Zero
Trichloroacetic acid		0.2
Bromoacetic acid		-
Dibromoacetic acid		-

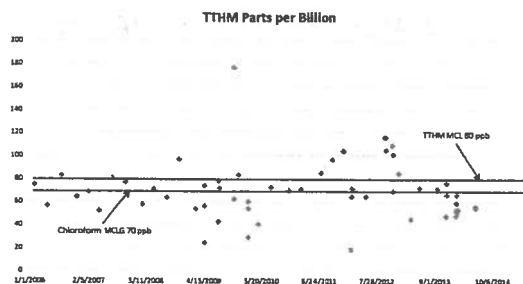
MCL: Maximum contaminant level: the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the maximum contaminant level goals as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

MCLG: Maximum contaminant level goal: 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.

WHY DISINFECTION BYPRODUCTS (DPB) IN DRINKING WATER MATTER

- THE DPB OF CONCERN IN THE ORONO VEAZIE MUNICIPAL WATER SUPPLY ARE TRIHALOMETHANES (THM)
- THE PRIMARY THM CONSTITUENT FOUND IS CHLOROFORM
- CHLOROFORM IS CLASSIFIED BY THE US ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA) AS B2, PROBABLE HUMAN CARCINOGEN, BASED ON SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE FROM ANIMAL STUDIES

COMPLIANCE HISTORY OF THM LEVEL IN ORONO VEAZIE MUNICIPAL WATER



ASSISTANCE FROM TECHNICAL EXPERTS

- CONSENT AGREEMENT (BRINGS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FROM MAINE DRINKING WATER PROGRAM)
Entered November 2013
Compliance Achieved February 2014
- CONTINUING CONSULTATION WITH WRIGHT-PIERCE ENGINEERS and WITH UMAINE CIVIL AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING FACULTY

OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- ALTERNATIVE DISINFECTANTS
- RESERVOIR AERATION
- CLEARWELL FOR RAW WATER COAGULATION
- SUBSTITUTE BANGOR WATER FOR VEAZIE SUPPLY

PROCESS IMPROVEMENTS IMPLEMENTED

- IMPROVED FLOW MANAGEMENT: FILL AND DRAW DOWN RESERVOIRS WITH GREATER FREQUENCY (DECREASES RESIDENCE TIME OF TREATED WATER IN DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM)
- MINIMIZE PRE-CHLORINATION OF FEEDWATER TO FILTERS (DECREASES CONTACT TIME OF CHLORINE WITH NATURALLY OCCURRING ORGANICS)
- SELECTIVELY DRAW FROM THE FOUR PRODUCTION WELLS

PROCESS IMPROVEMENTS UNDER ACTIVE CONSIDERATION

- FOCUS ON REDUCTION OF NATURALLY OCCURRING ORGANIC MATERIAL IN FEED WATER
- CONSULTANTS ARE INVESTIGATING NEWLY DEVELOPED INSTRUMENTATION TECHNOLOGIES THAT MAY FACILITATE PRE-OXIDATION IN CONJUNCTION WITH PRE-CHLORINATION OF FILTER FEED WATER
- (LONGER INTO THE FUTURE) WATER FROM A NEW WELL FIELD

NEW WELL FIELD (A WORK IN PROGRESS)

- THE FIRST WELL IN THE BENNOCH ROAD WELL FIELD WAS DRILLED IN 1961; THE FOURTH WELL IN 2010
- THERE IS INSUFFICIENT SPACE FOR ADDITIONAL WELLS IN THE BENNOCH ROAD WELL FIELD
- AS THEY AGE, WATER WELLS IN SHALLOW AQUIFERS COMMONLY PRODUCE INCREASED LEVELS OF NATURALLY OCCURRING ORGANIC MATTER
- THE ORONO VEAZIE WATER DISTRICT IS NEGOTIATING PURCHASE OF LAND AS A POTENTIAL LOCATION FOR A NEW WELL FIELD

DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW MUNICIPAL WELL FIELD

- CLOSELY AND INTRICATELY REGULATED BY STATE AND FEDERAL AGENCIES
- OBTAIN FAVORABLE STATE FINANCING TARGETED TO MUNICIPAL WATER SUPPLY
- TEST BORINGS TO PROVE WATER QUANTITY AND QUALITY
- WELLHEAD PROTECTION MEASURES
- DRILL, CASE, SCREEN, AND PACK PRODUCTION WELL(S)
- ELECTRIC POWER AND PUMPS
- PIPE LINE TO WATER TREATMENT FACILITY

IN CONCLUSION:

THE ORONO VEAZIE WATER DISTRICT
SUPPLIES ITS CONSUMERS WITH WATER
THAT:

- MEETS STRINGENT FEDERAL AND STATE
SAFE DRINKING WATER STANDARDS
- IS SAFE FOR DRINKING, COOKING, AND
BATHING

Orono-Veazie Water District Questions

1. Why have some towns been able to lower the THM levels in their water? Do we know how to fix the problem and / or would it require major / costly changes to the water system facilities?
2. I've heard that Orono flushes the water system before testing. Is that accurate or just a rumor? If so, I'm concerned that the normal / everyday levels of THM's are actually higher than the test results.
3. Do we have a strategic plan for regularly updating the aging infrastructure, such as the pipes in the ground, that collect, purify, and distribute our water? We have about the lowest water rates in the state so it seems there is "financial room" to pay for such upgrades.
4. What steps are being taken to lower TTHM levels closer to zero? Can these steps be shared with the community?
5. Old Town and Orono draw from essentially the same aquifer, yet they enjoy much lower TTHM levels. Is there something about the process that our water and their water is treated that results in this difference? Could their system be used in Orono?
6. Part of our TTHM problem is caused by high chlorination (which is needed for disinfection) at the source. Could this level be lowered at the source with the inclusion of substation chlorine injection along the route to Veazie?
7. Does the Water Board have a strategic plan to continually upgrade and improve our water distribution system and the quality of the water?
8. Are Water Board meeting minutes made public and if so where would I find them?
9. Does the Water Board hold an annual general meeting where stakeholders can gather information, ask questions, and receive answers?
10. There seems to be a lack of a comprehensive plan even though we've had water exceeding and nearly-exceeding EPA limits for carcinogenic by-products of chlorination for nearly a decade. Does the Water District have a long-range, comprehensive plan for significantly reducing chlorination by-products, including THMs and HAA5s? Is there a plan for replacing old infrastructure? If so, when will this plan become publicly available?
11. What is the status of the last well that was drilled, and if we drill a new well will it have the same problems?
12. Have we fully explored alternatives to heavy chlorination? What are other communities with high levels of organics doing (there must be other towns in similar situations - particularly Old Town)?

13. Is there a way to have all of the water quality test results posted on the website in a more timely manner?
14. It would be great to know what is being done to help bring the TTHM levels down to a point considerably lower than they have been for a long time. If other local communities have reduced their TTHM rates to relatively low levels we wonder why Orono/Veazie's can't be brought down to a much lower rate rather than consistently hovering around the maximum level.
15. What can we do to increase public awareness of our water quality issue and how can we help keep our communities healthy while seeking a long-term solution to this problem?
16. Development of a working comprehensive plan to make systematic upgrades to the water delivery system and developing long range plans to provide clean potable water well into the future is essential for the vibrancy of our towns and the wellness of our population.
17. If moving from a quasi-municipal to a municipal Water District is not the preferred route (perhaps complicated and time-consuming, though not an impossibility, in spite of the fact that our District serves two towns), then can the council suggest alternatives for providing the Water District with more substantial oversight and the public (stakeholders) with content based information?
18. I am concerned about the lack of a comprehensive plan, given that we have had water exceeding or nearly-exceeding EPA limits for carcinogenic by-products of chlorination for nearly a decade (perhaps much longer, given that we were not required to test prior to 2005). Does the Water District have a long-range, comprehensive plan for significantly reducing chlorination by-products, including THMs and HAA5s? Is there a plan for replacing old infrastructure? If so, when will this plan become publicly available?
19. After exceeding EPA limits, the Water District was required to work with engineer consultants. What did the consultants recommend? When can the public expect to have access to those recommendations?
20. Staff told me that the Water District is considering construction of a new well. What will make this one different from the one-million-dollar well that was last drilled and that is no longer used because the water was even higher in organic matter than previous wells?
21. Has the District considered alternative treatments to heavy chlorination? Coagulation, flocculation and sedimentation? Remote chlorination injection sites spread throughout town? The problems we are facing are not unique to Orono. What are other communities with high levels of organics doing? Whom has the District consulted?
22. Bangor and Brewer get their water from lakes, so they don't offer a good comparison, but my understanding is that Old Town gets its water from wells, much like we do. Nevertheless, their THM counts are nearly 1/8th of ours. What can we learn from them?
23. I am concerned about transparent and easily-accessed reporting of testing. Only after a resident called the state did I learn that Orono's water in May exceeded the EPA limit for

HAA5s, another carcinogenic chlorination by-product. This measurement, which was not reported on the District's website, was taken at the university's Memorial Union. Can we "stakeholders" expect to find results of all subsequent tests on the website? If so, how soon after the tests are completed?

24. My understanding is that the District only tests at one location in town--the Memorial Union. THMs are much higher in places where the water has lower throughput. Thus, the District is quite possibly testing in the location with the lowest possible THMs. Has the District considered testing in lower throughput areas, like dead-end streets?
25. I also understand that the District flushes their lines right before testing--this would reduce the THM count. Have they considered testing before and after flushing to get a more accurate measurement of what we are consuming and bathing in year round?
26. If moving from a municipal to a quasi-municipal Water District is not the preferred route (my understanding is that this would be complicated and time-consuming, though not an impossibility, in spite of the fact that our District serves two towns), then can the council suggest alternatives for providing the Water District with more substantial oversight?
27. Do we have a strategic plan for replacing the aging infrastructure such as the pipes in the ground that distribute our water? We have about the lowest water rates in the state so it seems there is "financial room" to pay for such upgrades.
28. How can we as stakeholders help the Orono Veazie Water District move forward with what we all suspect will have to be some fairly massive projects to truly improve the water quality for these towns for the long-term? Is there research or correspondence or projects we could help with in order to alleviate the board's workload and help speed up these improvements?
29. What are the goals of the Orono Veazie Water District? Does the board (town or OVWD) feel these goals are indeed the best that Orono and Veazie can offer the public?
30. THM levels have been above or just at the max limit, this even when they are measured at only a SINGLE site that is also FLUSHED before collecting a sample. Why have additional sites not been added? Why is the site pre-flushed, which would reduce the measured THM level? Please do not include cost as a reason for not testing at more sites as the cost to do so pales in comparison to other operating costs yet would provide more accurate data.
31. At previous meetings I have heard a "possible" solution to reduce THM levels would be the drilling of an additional well. The actual drilling of this well is also said to be 2+ years away from now. Again ignoring cost, what possible solutions are available that could be implemented immediately? I ask this because I feel a significant portion of those purchasing OVWD water would support a rate increase if it meant healthy water and not having to regularly purchase household filtration units.

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Project Name:

Date Reported : 08/04/2014

Job ID : 214070894
Client Sample ID: Perkins, Joan
Job Sample ID: 214070894.06
Sample Location: Brown

Date Collected: 07/30/2014 08:45 AM
Collected By : AB
Date Received : 07/31/2014 09:30 AM
Sample Matrix : Drinking Water

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Total Trihalomethanes	66	80.0	ug/L	07/31/2014 18:23	EPA 524.2		Within EPA Standard

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Dibromochloromethane	BRL	NA	ug/L	07/31/2014 15:17	EPA 524.2		
Total Trihalomethanes	66	80.0	ug/L	07/31/2014 15:17	EPA 524.2		Within EPA Standard

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Job ID : 214070894

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 Maine Radon Certification # ME17500

Client Name: Perkins, Joan

Attn:

Project Name:

Date Reported : 08/04/2014

Job ID : 214070894

Date Collected: 07/30/2014 08:33 AM

Client Sample ID: Perkins, Joan

Collected By : AB

Job Sample ID: 214070894.03

Date Received : 07/31/2014 09:30 AM

Sample Location: Friedman

Sample Matrix : Drinking Water

Parameters	Results	Acceptable Level	Units	Date Analyzed	Test Method	Test Type	Test Remarks
Bromodichloromethane	4.5	NA	ug/L	08/01/2014 17:33	EPA 524.2		
Bromoform	BRL	NA	ug/L	08/01/2014 17:33	EPA 524.2		
Chloroform	63	NA	ug/L	08/01/2014 17:33	EPA 524.2		
Dibromochloromethane	BRL	NA	ug/L	08/01/2014 17:33	EPA 524.2		
Total Trihalomethanes	68	80.0	ug/L	08/01/2014 17:33	EPA 524.2		Within EPA Standard

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Job ID : 214070894

Client Name: Perkins, Joan

Attn:

Project Name:

Date Reported : 08/04/2014

Job ID : 214070894

Date Collected: 07/30/2014 08:14 AM

Client Sample ID: Perkins, Joan

Collected By : AB

Job Sample ID: 214070894.02

Date Received : 07/31/2014 09:30 AM

Sample Location: Perkins

Sample Matrix : Drinking Water

Parameters	Results	Acceptable Level	Units	Date Analyzed	Test Method	Test Type	Test Remarks
Bromodichloromethane	4.2	NA	ug/L	07/31/2014 15:52	EPA 524.2		
Bromoform	BRL	NA	ug/L	07/31/2014 15:52	EPA 524.2		
Chloroform	65	NA	ug/L	07/31/2014 15:52	EPA 524.2		
Dibromochloromethane	BRL	NA	ug/L	07/31/2014 15:52	EPA 524.2		
Total Trihalomethanes	69	80.0	ug/L	07/31/2014 15:52	EPA 524.2		Within EPA Standard

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Job ID : 214070894

Client Name: Perkins, Joan

Attn:

Project Name:

Date Reported : 08/04/2014

Job ID : 214070894

Date Collected: 07/30/2014 09:10 AM

Client Sample ID: Perkins, Joan

Collected By : AB

Job Sample ID: 214070894.04

Date Received : 07/31/2014 09:30 AM

Sample Location: Brooks

Sample Matrix : Drinking Water

Parameters	Results	Acceptable Level	Units	Date Analyzed	Test Method	Test Type	Test Remarks
Bromodichloromethane	4.3	NA	ug/L	07/31/2014 17:03	EPA 524.2		
Bromoform	BRL	NA	ug/L	07/31/2014 17:03	EPA 524.2		
Chloroform	67	NA	ug/L	07/31/2014 17:03	EPA 524.2		
Dibromochloromethane	BRL	NA	ug/L	07/31/2014 17:03	EPA 524.2		
Total Trihalomethanes	71	80.0	ug/L	07/31/2014 17:03	EPA 524.2		Within EPA Standard

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Client Name: Perkins, Joan

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Project Name:

Date Reported : 08/04/2014

Job ID : 214070894

Date Collected: 07/30/2014 10:15 AM

Client Sample ID: Perkins, Joan

Collected By : AB

Job Sample ID: 214070894.07

Date Received : 07/31/2014 09:30 AM

Sample Location: Smith

Sample Matrix : Drinking Water

Parameters	Results	Acceptable Level	Units	Date Analyzed	Test Method	Test Type	Test Remarks
Bromodichloromethane	4.1	NA	ug/L	07/31/2014 18:58	EPA 524.2		
Bromoform	BRL	NA	ug/L	07/31/2014 18:58	EPA 524.2		
Chloroform	66	NA	ug/L	07/31/2014 18:58	EPA 524.2		
Dibromochloromethane	BRL	NA	ug/L	07/31/2014 18:58	EPA 524.2		
Total Trihalomethanes	70	80.0	ug/L	07/31/2014 18:58	EPA 524.2		Within EPA Standard

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Job ID : 214070894

Client Name: Perkins, Joan

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Project Name:

Date Reported : 08/04/2014

Job ID : 214070894
Client Sample ID: Perkins, Joan
Job Sample ID: 214070894.05
Sample Location: Malis-Andersen

Date Collected: 07/30/2014 09:45 AM
Collected By : AB
Date Received : 07/31/2014 09:30 AM
Sample Matrix : Drinking Water

Parameters	Results	Acceptable Level	Units	Date Analyzed	Test Method	Test Type	Test Remarks
Bromodichloromethane	4.1	NA	ug/L	07/31/2014 17:47	EPA 524.2		
Bromoform	BRL	NA	ug/L	07/31/2014 17:47	EPA 524.2		
Chloroform	68	NA	ug/L	07/31/2014 17:47	EPA 524.2		
Dibromochloromethane	BRL	NA	ug/L	07/31/2014 17:47	EPA 524.2		
Total Trihalomethanes	72	80.0	ug/L	07/31/2014 17:47	EPA 524.2		Within EPA Standard

Silver Ridge



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July 23, 2014

Town of Veazie
1084 Main St.
Veazie, ME 04401

Dear Town of Veazie:

This year, the Penobscot County Committee celebrates the fifth anniversary of Maine Community Foundation's Penobscot County Fund. During the last five years, including our most recent spring 2014 grant cycle, the committee awarded nonprofit organizations more than 60 grants totaling nearly \$350,000 to help improve the quality of life for Penobscot County residents. The Maine Community Foundation's Penobscot County Committee invites you, as a past grant recipient, to celebrate philanthropy and the important role of local grant dollars by hanging the enclosed poster in your place of business. We appreciate your consideration and look forward to partnering with your organization in the future.

Sincerely,

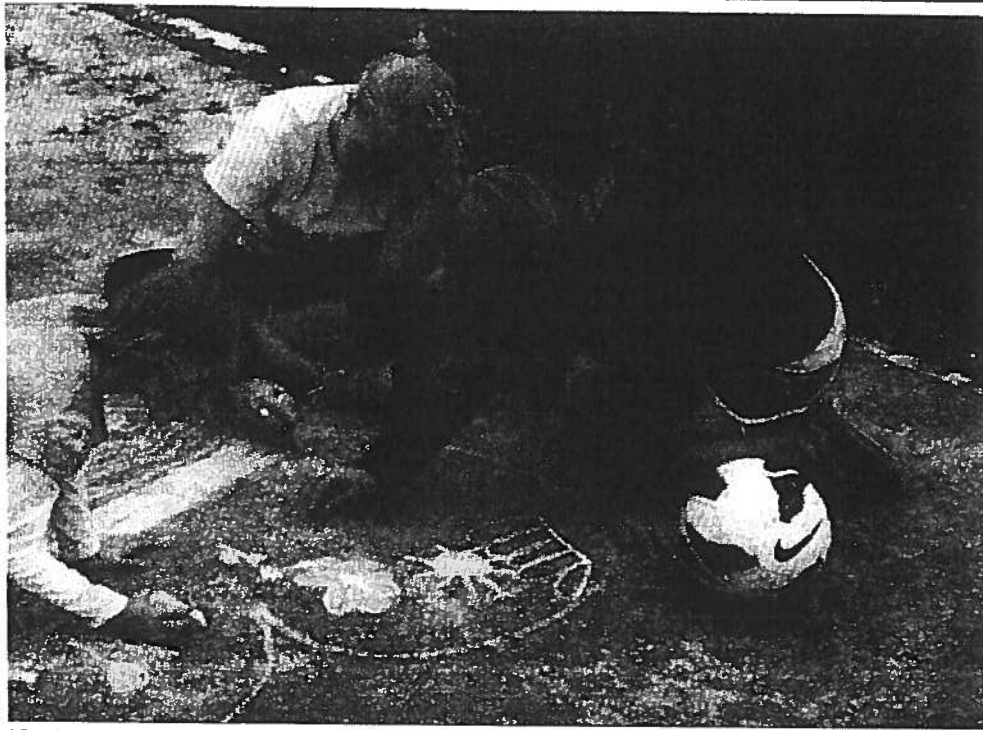
A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Frank".

Frank Bragg
Penobscot County Committee, Chair

Orono Times

Old Town-Orono area, including Milford, Bradley, Greenbush, Greenfield, Alton, Argyle, Veazie, and Indian Island
Old Town, Maine 04468

August 7, 2014



Neal passed the time with a little bit of chalk drawing on pavement at the Herbert morning.

DOE official: Uncertified teacher not unusual

AUGUSTA – A Department of Education official said this week that beleaguered RSU 26 teacher Waldo Caballero has never been fully certified, even after 15 years on the job – although at the same time that official is uncertain if that case is unique.

Waldo Caballero, the orchestra director for Orono schools, has been given until next week to pass a certification test, after missing a passing grade on the test. In the event that he does not pass the test, RSU 26 has started advertising his position; the possibility of Caballero, who also coaches soccer at Orono High School, has led to an outcry from his supporters. His wife, Anna, has wondered why Superintendent Joanne Harriman is not continuing the past practice of asking for conditional certification or requesting waivers for Caballero. Harriman, citing em-

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Gets 17 and 1/2 year sentence

Hutchinson, along with Petrin, 22, of Grindstone, broke into a mobile home on East Ridge Road owned by Fieger, who lived with her children, who are ages three and five. The men, who knew Fieger, told she had cash from a student loan and methamphetamine, broke in the

middle of the night, armed with a tire iron, fire extinguisher, stun gun and pepper spray. They struck Fieger repeatedly with the weapons and pepper sprayed one of the children, demanding money and drugs. The savage

attack left Fieger with cuts to her head and face that needed 16 stitches, and she was covered in bruises. One of the children also suffered minor injuries in the attack.

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New reassurances offered for Orono water

By Greg Fish

ORONO – Town and water district officials said last week that steps are being taken to continue to improve local water quality – and they again repeated assertions that, contrary

to what some people continue to insist, that water is safe to use.

Concerns about the water, which is used by some Orono and Veazie residents, first arose last year, after reports indicated that trihalomethanes were at levels

exceeding the US Environmental Protection Agency. THMs, such as chloroform commonly form when organics in water combine with chlorine, which is used to treat water in many places, in-

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Deep mess

last week's town council meeting, Town Manager Melissa L. she had spoken to Erik Stumpf about the possibility to see what legal action the town had. While it was wondered recently if it would prevail in a court case

Boredom leads to fireworks fire

By Greg Fish

OLD TOWN – A fire in a garage at a Jameson Street residence last Thursday was caused

The residence on the property, which housed tenants, was not damaged, and they were all accounted for and uninjured.

the air. Howley, however, had instead wrapped the Roman candle in a rug before lighting it.

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— for instance, a teacher may speak English as a second language and struggle with testing, as has been claimed with Caballero, or perhaps the teacher is somebody who entered the field later in life via an alternate pathway.

"Sometimes, they still may need to take a couple education courses to be eligible for certification. Or maybe they need to pass the Praxis testing for certification," said Cyr. "They are numerous reasons why waivers may be sought. They can be requested, although they are not necessarily granted."

To get those waivers, which are on a year-to-year basis, superintendents

contact the DOE, explaining the circumstances. Cyr said he then reviews each case, and makes recommendations to the DOE commissioner, who has the final say over whether a waiver will be granted.

According to Cyr, Caballero never had full certification, but rather a series of provisional certifications and waivers; this, however, apparently is the first year an exemption has not been sought. When asked if it was unusual for a teachers to be granted provisional certifications and waivers for as long as Caballero has received them, Cyr said he was uncertain, but that there are nu-

merous cases where teachers go several years without full certification.

"It's not unusual at all for a teacher to go several years without being fully certified," said Cyr.

Cyr added that the DOE has the discretion of imposing monetary penalties — the loss of some subsidy funding — on school districts that employ uncertified teachers. The amount of that loss would be up to the commissioner's discretion he said.

The RSU 26 school board was scheduled to meet Tuesday night. Results of that meeting were not available at press time.

New Orono well field explored

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many places, including the local water district. The federal standard for THMs is 80 parts per billion; at levels higher than that, studies have indicated there may be — with an emphasis — may mean a slightly increased risk of cancer, perhaps on the order of three cases in 10,000 people.

The elevated levels of THMs led the Orono-Veazie Water District to enter into a consent agreement with Maine Drinking Water Program, and steps were taken successfully to lower THMs to acceptable

levels, where they have remained for more than a year and a half. That failed, however, to mollify a small but vocal segment of the local population, primarily in Veazie, which wanted further action taken, perhaps even something as costly as a new filtration plant.

Those concerns led to the Orono Town Council earlier this year directing Town Manager Sophie Wilson to work with the water district to track progress being made with water district issues. A joint session between those bodies was held last week for an update.

Wilson opened the session by noting that the water district has made good progress, with the consent agreement to improve water being lifted a year and a half earlier than its deadline. She did add, however, that emails received in the days prior to the joint meeting, where public comment was not allowed, showed that some people still refuse to believe the water is safe, and claims were made that the water district was skewing test results. Wilson said such claims were not true, and that state officials were adamant that requirements for safe water were being met.

Water district trustee Paul Smith spoke at length on the local water system. He said that while some people would like to see THMs even lower, the EPA maximum is on the conservative side, meaning that higher levels would probably still be safe. He added that standard is set at what the agency believes is reasonably achievable with current technology.

Smith said several alternatives to chlorine treatment for the water were considered, such as adding ammonia to

the chlorine in small amounts, ionization, reservoir aeration, and using a structure known as a clear well. In all cases there were drawbacks, often with much higher costs; in the end, it was decided to continue with the chlorine treatment. That option is now working better, said Smith, because of steps such as increased flow management; minimizing pre-chlorination of feed water to filter tanks; and mixing how water is selected from the four current wells on the Bennoch Road.

Those four wells date from 1961 to 2010, and Smith acknowledged that shallower wells, such as those in Orono, see increases in organic matter over time. He added that no further wells can be drilled at the Bennoch Road site, but that active negotiations are underway to purchase land for a new well field, which should improve water quality further in the future. He added that the water district is looking to see if it can reduce organic matter in feed water upstream from its wells, which would also reduce levels of contaminations, and possibly a new filtration technique that involves preoxidation of the water.

Much of the work is still in the planning stages, and no cost estimates were offered at the session. But while there have been a handful of residents who say they will bear any cost for the safest water possible, Wilson noted that all taxpayers in Orono — not just those who use the system — pick up a percentage of cost increases for the water system. That makes any action taken by the district a balancing act, and the feasibility of high cost projects perhaps economically unpalatable.

Correction

The following students, both eighth graders, were left off the list for the third trimester honor roll for the 2013-14 school year at the Leonard Middle School.

High honors - Alyssa Street; honors - Abby Holland.

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THE WEEK

Town of Veazie

August 13, 2014

Orono Water District
47 Penobscot Street
Orono, Maine 04473
Attn: Supt. Dennis Cross

Ref: Workshop Invitation

Dear Supt. Cross,

At the August 11, 2014 Veazie Town Council meeting I was requested to invite the members of the Orono Veazie Water District Board of Trustees and yourself to meet with the Veazie Town Council for a workshop on September 22, 2014 from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM. It will be held in the Council Chambers located at 1084 Main Street Veazie, Maine. This meeting would be similar to the one that you recently held with the Orono Town Council. I will be collecting questions from the town citizens prior to the meeting.

Could you please discuss this invitation with the members of the Board of Trustees and let me know at your earliest convenience if they would be able to attend this workshop. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



Mark E. Leonard
Town Manager

CC: Veazie Town Council



Message

Thu, Aug 14, 2014 9:07 PM

From: "Chris Cronan" <Chris_Cronan@umit.maine.edu>
To: malismermaid@aol.com tableman@roadrunner.com veazieceo@veazie.net
 Mark Leonard DOWNEAST4C@yahoo.com

Subject: Reminder: Planning Board meeting August 18th

Attachments: Attach0.html / Uploaded File

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Dear Planning Board Members:

Greetings! See you at our next Planning Board meeting on Monday 8/18 at 7 pm. The agenda is listed below. Thanks, Chris

Agenda
Veazie Planning Board
Monday, August 18, 2014
7 pm in the Council Chambers

1. Minutes of the previous meeting
2. Discuss a request from Robert Fournier to convert 31 Flagg St. from a single family dwelling to 3 units
3. Continuation of public hearings regarding proposed revisions to the shoreland zoning ordinance and the land use ordinance
4. Working session to begin revisions to the Veazie Comprehensive Plan
5. New business



STATE OF MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES
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DIVISION OF LIQUOR LICENSING AND ENFORCEMENT
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RICHARD W. ROSEN,
ACTING COMMISSIONER

PAUL R. LEPAGE
GOVERNOR

GREGORY R. MINEO
DIRECTOR

August 18, 2014

Town of Veazie
1084 Main Street
Veazie, ME 04401

To Whom it May Concern:

In accordance with 28-A M.R.S.A. § 453-A(4) our office is required to notify municipal officers at least 15 days prior to the final selection for an agency liquor store license. The applicants listed below are being considered for licensure in your municipality:

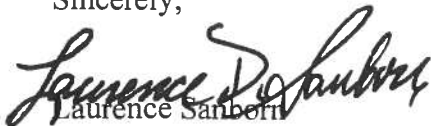
Tradewinds Variety III 1215 State Street Veazie, Maine

If the Town of Veazie would like to provide information or an objection to this application please contact our office by email at laurence.d.sanborn@maine.gov or by telephone at (207) 287-6754.

Enclosed is a copy of the agency liquor store selection hearing schedule should you wish to attend the hearing.

If you have any questions please contact our office.

Sincerely,


Laurence Sanborn
Division Manager
Liquor Licensing & Enforcement

LDS/cc

Enclosure

PUBLIC NOTICE
AGENCY LIQUOR STORE SELECTION HEARINGS

In accordance with 28-A M.R.S. § 453-A sub-§ 5-A and 5 M.R.S. ch. 375, subchapter IV, the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations, Division of Liquor Licensing and Enforcement, will conduct public hearings on applications received for agency liquor licenses. The hearings will be conducted to evaluate eligibility for licensure pursuant to Maine's liquor laws, including Title 28-A Chapters 15 and 19, and BABLO Rule Chapter 130. The hearings will be held at the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations Building, Front Entrance, 10 Water Street, Hallowell, Maine, on the following dates and times and for these municipalities:

Thursday, September 18, 2014 from 11:00 AM until 4:00 PM
Boothbay, Caribou, Cornish, Liberty, Limestone, Turner, Veazie, Weld and York

Friday, September 19, 2014 from 9:00 AM until 4:00 PM
Brewer, Brunswick, Lewiston, Portland, Sanford

Applicants will be permitted to present evidence and arguments in support of their application. The public will be permitted to present evidence and arguments for or against any application. Any person showing that he or she is or may be a member of a class which is or may be substantially and directly affected by the proceeding may file a formal application for intervention in accordance with 5 M.R.S. § 9054 on or before September 5, 2014, to the attention of the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations, Division of Liquor Licensing and Enforcement, 8 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333-0008.

