

Veazie Town Council

Regular Meeting

October 27, 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 October 6th, 2014 Council Meeting Minutes.

ITEM 6: Comments from the Public

New Business:

ITEM 7: Dangerous Building Hearing

ITEM 8: Executive Session – 1 MRSA 405(6)E – Consultations with Legal Counsel

ITEM 9: Code Enforcement update

ITEM 10: General Assistance Ordinance Public Hearing

ITEM 11: Review of Grounds Maintenance bids

Old Business:

ITEM 12: Review Draft Committee Policy

ITEM 13: Shoreland Zoning Ordinance

ITEM 14: Manager's Report

ITEM 15: Comments from the Public

ITEM 16: Requests for information and Town Council Comments

ITEM 17: Review & Sign of AP Town Warrant #8 and Town Payroll #8 School Payroll Warrant #8 & #9 and AP School Warrant #8 & #9.

ITEM 18: Adjournment

Agenda Items For October 27, 2014 Council Meeting

ITEM 7: Code Enforcement Officer John Larson will present the attached information along with testimony on the property located at 1033 School Street and its designation as a dangerous or a nuisance within the meaning of 17 MRSA section 2851. Personal Representative Ekaterine V. Crowe was served by the Civil Division of the Penobscot County Sheriff's Office on October 13, 2014. Town Attorney Tom Russell will be present for the process and will be prepared to offer a prepared motion.

ITEM 8: Per 1 MRSA 405(6) E the members of the Council will hold and executive session with Legal Counsel

ITEM 9: Code Enforcement Officer Larson will present to the Council an update on the Code Enforcement Office year to date activities

ITEM 10: The Council will hold a public hearing on adopting the Maine Municipal Association Model General Assistance Ordinance Appendix B and C for the periods of October 1,2014 to September 30,2015 to be in compliance with Title 22,MRSA,Sec 4305 (4). Each year we are required to adopt maximum allowed expense guidelines for the General Assistance Program. All appendices, including B and C are include for review

ITEM 11: Ground Maintenance bid results from the bid opening that will occur at 2 PM on October 27, 2014 will be presented for review.

ITEM 12: A review of the draft committee policy will be conducted. Since the last presentation no change request have been received. The updated Citizen Involvement Application is included for review. Staff would recommend the adoption of both the committee policy and the updated citizen involvement application.

ITEM 13: At previous meetings the Amended Shoreland Zoning Ordinance has been presented for discussion and review. Council had concerns with the map that was included, which has been updated. It would be staff's recommendation that the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance be approved with the ability to fix minor grammatical and spelling issues that remain throughout the document.

Veazie Town Council Meeting October 6th, 2014

Members Present: Chairman Tammy Perry, Councilor Robert Rice, Councilor Karen Walker, Councilor David King, Manager Mark Leonard, Secretary Julie Strout and various members of the public.

Members Absent:

Councilor Chris Bagley was absent.

ITEM 1: Call to order

Chairperson Tammy Perry called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

ITEM 2: Secretary to do the roll call:

Councilor Chris Bagley was absent and excused.

ITEM 3: Pledge of the allegiance:

ITEM 4: Consideration of the Agenda

Chairman Perry wanted to add under new business 8b Executive Session 1 MRSA 405 (6) (A) Personnel Matter, 8c as Expectations of Committee members and boards and 8d Orono Veazie Water District Freedom of Access request.

ITEM 5: Approval of the September 8th, 2014 Council Meeting Minutes

Councilor David King made a motion, seconded by Councilor Karen Walker to accept the September 22nd, 2014 Council Meeting Minutes as written. Voted 4-0-0. Motion carried.

ITEM 6: Comments from the public

Citizen Joan Perkins updated the Council on the informational water meeting that was held on Oct 5th at the Church of Universal Fellowship in Orono.

New Business:

ITEM 7: Firefighter Mentor Program

Councilor Karen Walker made a motion, seconded by Councilor David King to have Manager Leonard sign the contract to go into an agreement with the United Tech Center and the Veazie Fire Department to facilitate this program. Voted 4-0-0. Motion carried.

ITEM 8: Notice of Registrar's hours

Councilor Karen Walker made a motion, seconded by Councilor Robert Rice to sign and post the notice of hours and the availability of the Registrar of voters. Voted 4-0-0. Motion carried.

ITEM 8B: Executive Session 1 MRSA 405 (6) (A) –Personnel Matter

Councilor Robert Rice made a motion, seconded by Councilor David King to enter into Executive Session 405 (6) (A) –Personnel Matter at 6:46pm. Voted 4-0-0. Motion carried. Councilor Robert Rice made a motion, seconded by Councilor David King to exit Executive Session 405 (6) (A) –Personnel Matter at 6:58pm. Voted 4-0-0. Motion carried. Councilor Robert Rice made a motion, seconded by Councilor David King to move to authorize the

Town Manager to take action in a personnel issue that is pertinent to the town. Voted 4-0-0. Motion carried.

ITEM 8C: Expectations of Committee Members

Council agreed that this Item was covered in Item 8B.

ITEM 8D: Freedom of access request to water district

Councilor David King made a motion, seconded by Councilor Karen Walker to authorize Chairman Tammy Perry to submit a freedom of access request to the Orono/Veazie Water District requesting their Charter and amendments and to repeat the request that they join the Council for a workshop. Voted 4-0-0. Motion carried.

Old Business:

ITEM 9: Review Draft Committee Policy

This item will be discussed further at the October 27th, 2014 Council Meeting.

ITEM 10: Cemetery Rules & Regulations

Councilor Robert Rice made a motion, seconded by Councilor David King to accept the Cemetery Rules & Regulations as amended. Voted 4-0-0. Motion carried.

ITEM 11: Dangerous Building Hearing Notice

Councilor Robert Rice made a motion, seconded by Councilor David King to reauthorize the hearing for the unsafe building to October 27th at 6:30pm. Voted 4-0-0. Motion carried.

ITEM 12: Discussion of Town Manager's Review process

The Council would like Manager Leonard to obtain a job description template from MMA, make appropriate changes and will plan on a March review.

ITEM 13: Manager's Report

Manager Leonard reviewed his report with the Councilor's.

ITEM 14: Comments from the Public

None

ITEM 15: Requests for information and Town Council Comments

ITEM 16: Review & sign of AP Town Warrant #7 and Town Payroll #7. School Payroll Warrant #7 and AP School Warrant #7.

The warrants were circulated and signed.

ITEM 17: Adjournment

Councilor David King motioned to adjourn Councilor Karen Walker seconded. No discussion. Voted 4-0-0 Motion carried. Adjourned at 7:31pm

A True Copy Attest:

Julie Strout Deputy Clerk



TOWN OF VEAZIE

1084 Main Street Veazie, Maine 04401-7091 tel:(207) 947-2781 fax:(207) 942-1654

October 6, 2014

To: Ekaterine V. Crowe, Personal Representative

Estate of Clyde W. Crowe (a/k/a C. W. Crowe)

17 Farvue Avenue Bangor, Maine 04401



NOTICE OF HEARING Pursuant to 17 M.R.S.A. §§2851-2859 (Dangerous Buildings)

You are hereby notified that the Municipal Officers of the Town of Veazie, Maine will hold a hearing on October 27, 2014 at 6:30 pm at the Veazie Town Hall to determine whether the commercial building owned by you and located on land now or formerly owned by C.W. Crowe and shown on Map 7, Lot 70 of the current Tax Maps of the Town of Veazie, Maine on file at the Town Office, is dangerous or a nuisance within the meaning of 17 M.R.S.A. § 2851.

If the Municipal Officers find that the building/structure is dangerous or a nuisance, they may order appropriate corrective action, including but not limited to demolition and removal of the building/structure. If their order is not complied with by the deadline stated in their order and no appeal is taken, the Municipal Officers may take corrective action at municipal expense and recover all expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees, by means of a special tax or civil action. This hearing is your opportunity to present evidence as to why the building/structure is not dangerous and to oppose any corrective action ordered by the Municipal Officers.

Dated: October 6, 2014 Municipal Officers Town of Veazie, Maine

/s/

Penobscot County, ss.

October 6, 2014

Personally appeared before me the above named Municipal Officers and each acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be his/her free act and deed.

Notary Public

JULIE L. STROUT
Notary Public • Maine
My Commission Expires March 3, 2017



Glenn C. Ross Sheriff

INVOICE

Troy J. Morton
Chief Deputy

Town of Veazie 1084 Main St

Veazie, ME 04401-7091

Please return invoice with payment PO Box 943 Postage & Propostage &	
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STATE OF MAINE

PENOBSCOT, ss. On the 13 day of OCTOBER, 2014 at 1/155 (a.m.) (p.m.), I made service of a Notice of Hearing pursuant to 17 M.R.S.A. §§ 2851-2858 upon Ekaterine V. Crowe, at 17 FARULE AVENUE BANGOR, ME X By delivering a copy in hand. By leaving copies at the individual's dwelling house or usual place of abode with a person of suitable age or discretion who resided therein; and whose name is By delivering a copy to an agent authorized to receive service of process, and whose name is _____ at _____. By (describe other manner of service): Service: Penobscot County Sheriff's Office Travel 4 miles one way 85 Hammond Street Bangor, ME 04401 Postage Other

\$ 26.02

Total

C.W. Crowe - 1033 School Street -Tax Map 07-70

There are three buildings on this lot. Two of which qualify are dangerous building under Title 17 M.R.S.A. §2851.

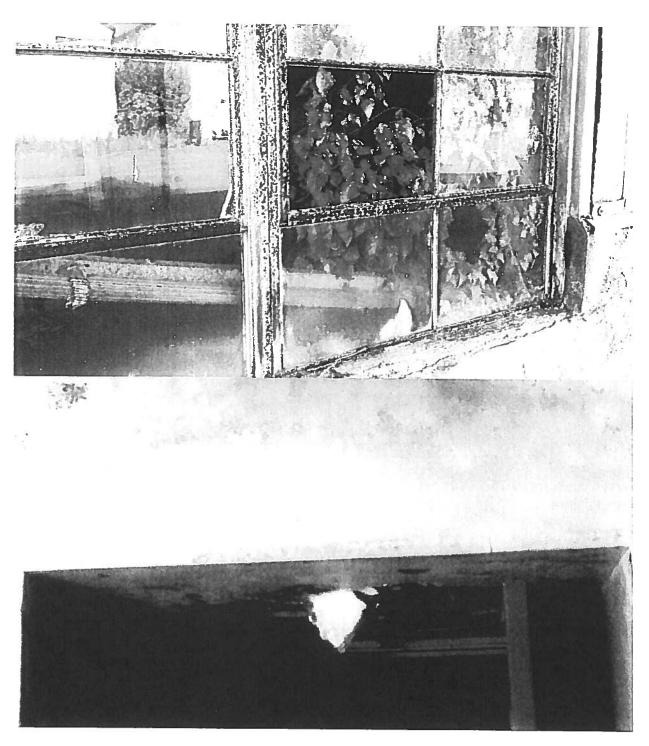
Based on the following evidence this building is unsafe, unstable, constitutes a fire hazard, is unsuitable for the use or occupancy to which it is put; constitutes a hazard to health or safety because of inadequate maintenance, dilapidation; or is otherwise dangerous to life or property.

Site visit 8/25/2014 and 9/6/2014

Photo shows building condition.

Partial building collapse.

John Larson Code Enforcement Officer Town of Veazie

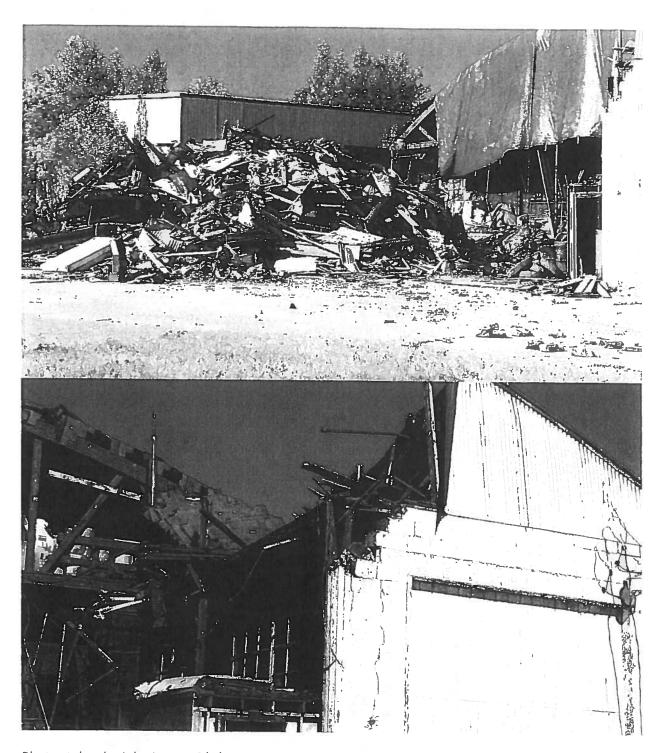


Photos taken by John Larson 8/25/2014.

1033 School Street Tax Map 07 Lot



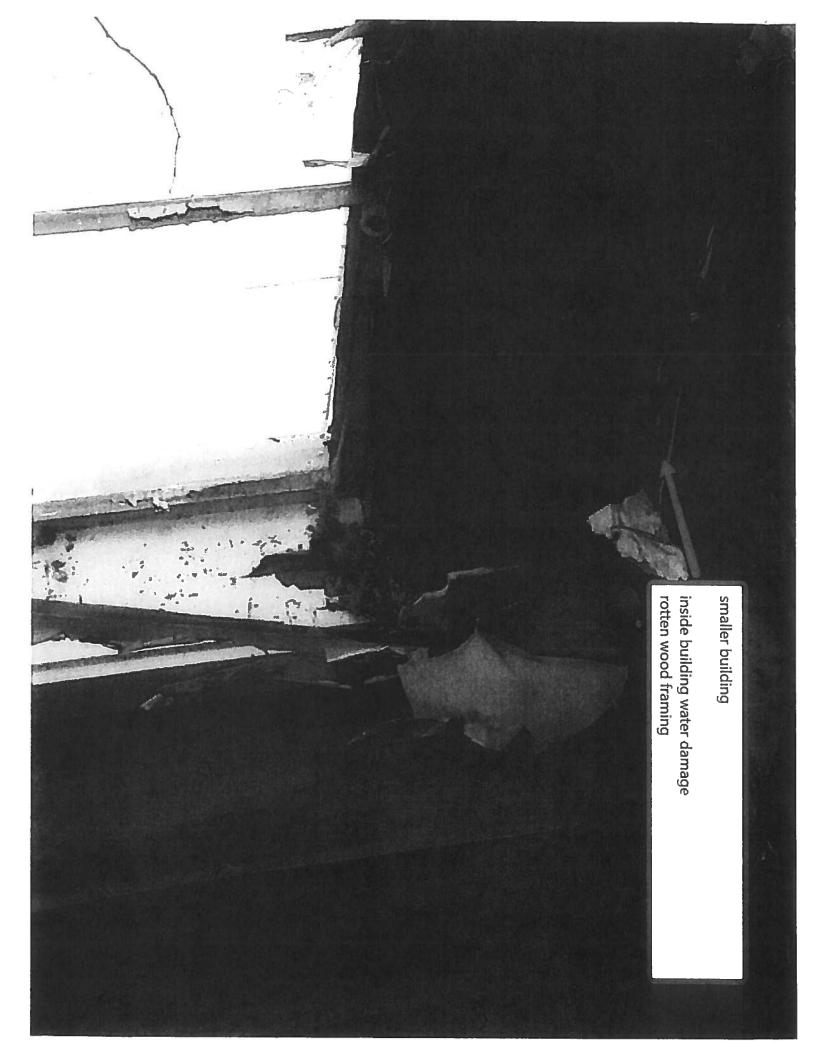
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Photos taken by John Larson 9/8/2014.

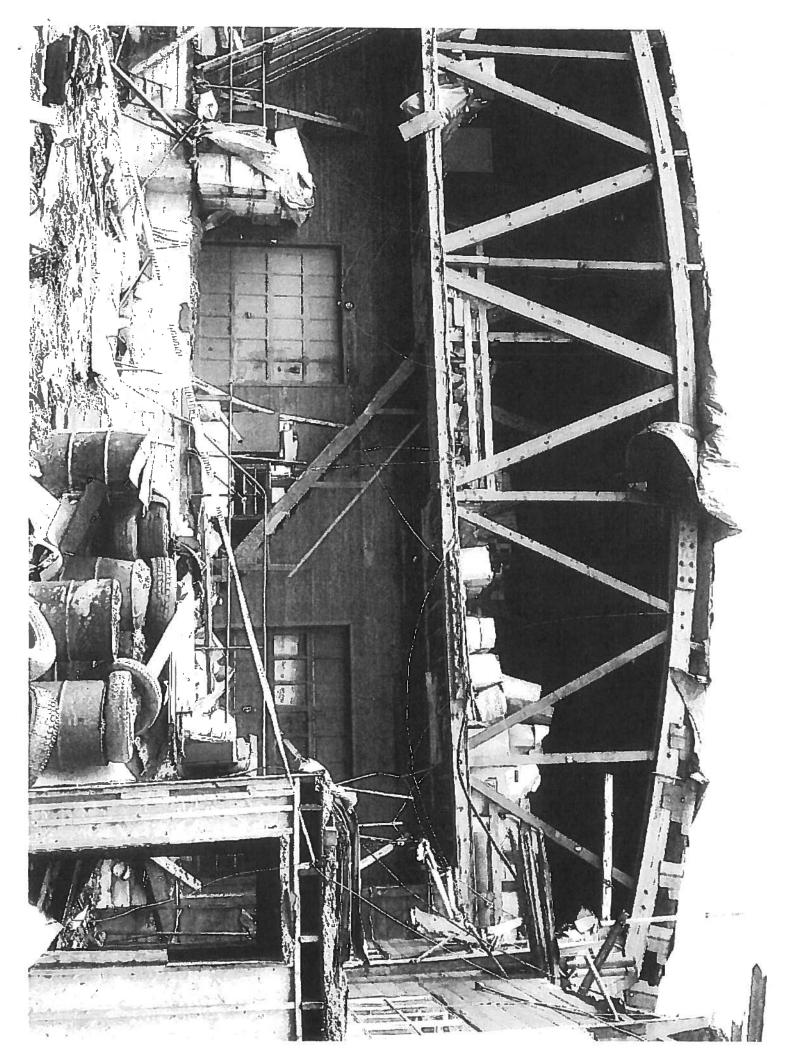
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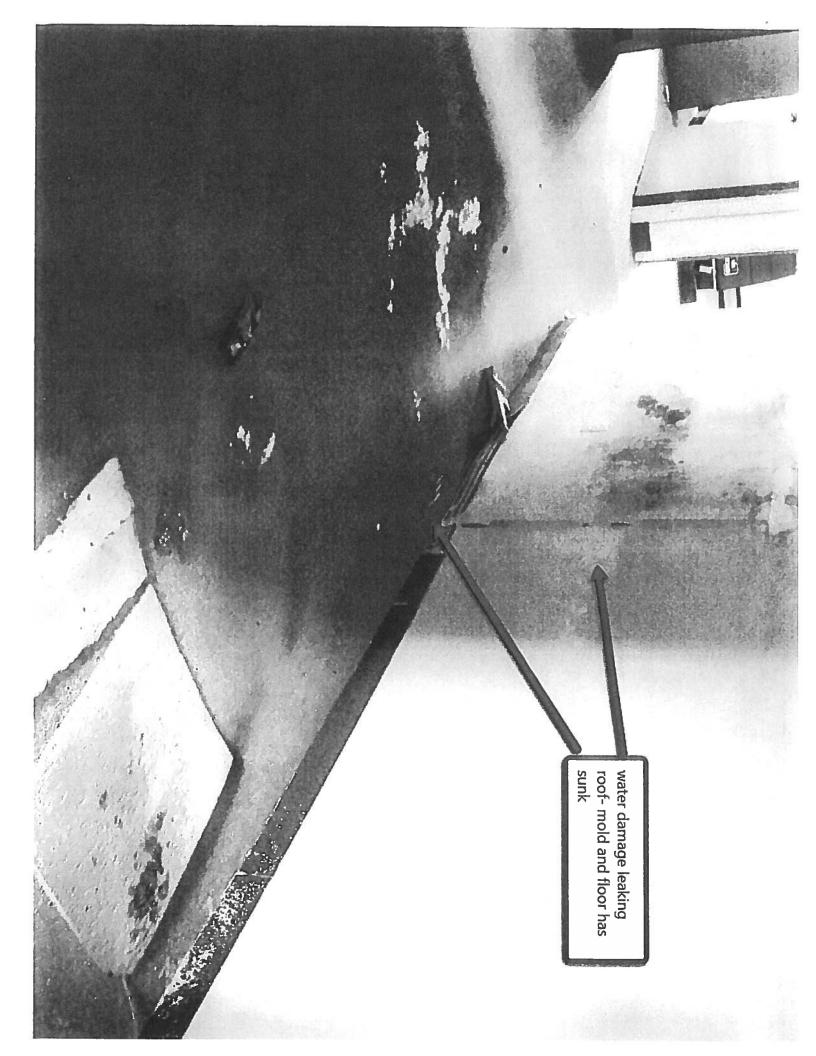
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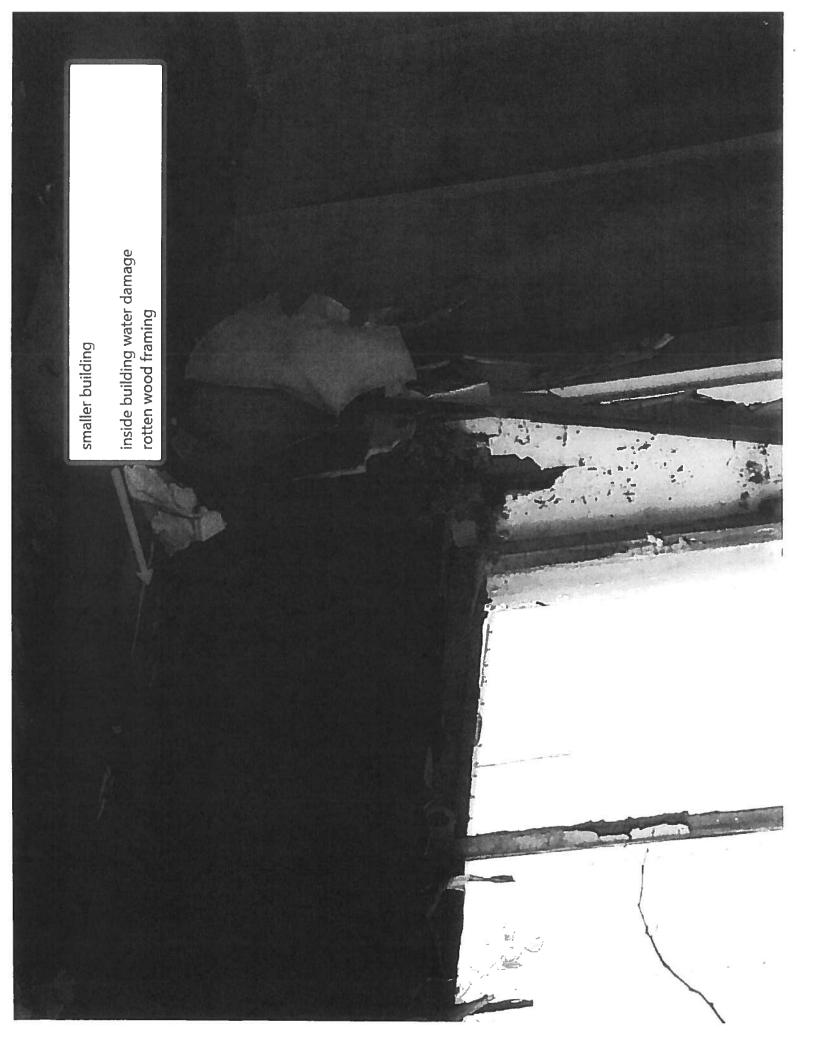












STATE OF MAINE

(SEAL OF COURT)
PENOBSCOT COUNTY PROBATE COURT

97 Hammond Street
Bangor, Maine 04401-4996
Location of Court

DOCKET 2013-750

Estate of CLYDE W. CROWE
Deceased

CERTIFICATE AND ABSTRACT

To the Register of Deeds of Penebscot County.

An estate has been opened in this court for the above named decedent. The following facts apply to this estate according to the probated will or the petition or application upon which an appointment was made or both.

Date of decedent's death September 20, 2013

l.	Did decedent leave a will?		<u>X</u>	_YES		NO
2.	If item one is YES, will was probated H	FORMALLY _	X	INFORI	MAL	LY
3.	If item one is YES, date of most recent probate of the will was		<u>10/3</u>	1/2013		
1.	If item 2 is answered FORMALLY, was there a previous informal probate of the same will?			YES _	1	VО
5.	If the will was previously probated informally, was that informal probate certified to the Register of Deeds of the county to which this certificate is directed?			YES _		NO
5.	Has a petition for elective share been filed? (If YES, attach copy.)	-		YES _		
7.	Has a personal representative been appointed?	_	X	_ YES		NO
3.	If item 7 is YES, date of appointment was		10/3	1/2013		
).	If item 7 is YES, appointment was	FORMAI		K_INF	ORM	IAL
١٥.	If item 7 is YES, give name and address of personal reno	ecentative				

Ekaterine V. Crowe 17 Farvue Avenue Bangor, Maine 04401

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11. Insert here a true copy of so much of decedent's will as devises real estate, if any. In addition, if a more complete description of the real estate involved appears on the petition or application upon which the appointment was made, add that description below the provisions of the will. Label any such description: "DESCRIPTION OF REAL ESTATE FROM APPLICATION OR PETITION". Also, in every case where information is available, list each municipality and county in which decedent owned real estate.

* * *

SECOND: All the rest, residue and remainder of my estate, real, personal, and mixed, wherescover found, situate, and however acquired, I give, devise and bequeath to my wife, Ekaterine V. Crowe, her heirs and assigns forever.

* * *

DESCRIPTION OF REAL ESTATE FROM APPLICATION:

Bangor, Penobscot County
Brewer, Penobscot County
Hermon, Penobscot County
Holden, Penobscot County
Maxfield, Penobscot County
Orono, Penobscot County
Veazie, Penobscot County
Hamlin, Aroostook County

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12. Following is a list of Heirs or of all persons who are or may be Devisees of real estate. (List heirs only when there is no probated will. If there is a probated will, list devisees of real estate.)

Ekaterine V. Crowe

13. I certify that the foregoing statements are accurate so far as they may be determined from the will or the petition or application upon which the appointment was made.

Date:11/01/2013

See 18-A MRSA § 1-504.

Nathaniel S. Putnam, Esq. PO Box 1210 Bangor, ME 04402-1210

PENOBSCOT COUNTY, MAINE

Register of Deeds

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GENERAL ASSISTANCE ORDINANCE APPENDICES B and C 2014-2015

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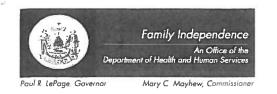
The Municipality of <u>Veazie</u> adopts the MMA Model Ordinance GA Appendices B and C for the period of October 1, 2014 — September 30, 2015. These appendices are filed with the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) in compliance with Title 22 M.R.S.A. §4305(4).

Signed the <u>27th</u> day of <u>October</u>, <u>2014</u> by the Town of Veazie municipal officers:

Tammy Perry	(Signature)
Robert Rice	(Signature)
David King	(Signature)
Karen Walker	(Signature)
Chris Bagley	(Signature)

Town of Veazie Public Hearing Notice October 27th, 2014

There will be a Public Hearing on Monday, October 27th, 2014 to adopt the local General Assistance Ordinance and yearly Appendices A – F. This will take place at the Regular Council Meeting in the Council Chambers starting at 6:30pm.



Office for Family Independence 19 Union Street 11 State House Station Augusta, Maine 04333-0011 Tel: (207) 624-4168

> Toll Free: 1-800-442-6003 Fax (207) 287-3455

TO: Municipal Officials/Welfare Directors/General Assistance Administrators

FROM: Dave MacLean, General Assistance Program Manager

RE: 2014 – 2015 General Assistance Ordinance Maximums for Food and Housing

DATE: October 1, 2014

Enclosed please find the following items:

- MMA's new (October 1, 2014—October 1, 2015) "General Assistance Ordinance Appendix" (B &C). There are no changes to any of the other appendices at the current time.
- "GA Maximums Summary Sheet" which consolidates GA maximums into one document. Municipalities do have to insert individual locality maximums from Appendix A and C in the summary sheet where indicated in order to complete the information. The "summary" does not have to be adopted, as it is not an Appendix but a tool for municipal officials administering GA.
- "GA maximums adoption form" which was developed so that municipalities may easily send DHHS proof of GA maximums adoption. Once the selectpersons or council adopts the new maximums, the enclosed form should be signed and submitted to DHHS in the self-addressed envelope provided with this packet (see "Filing of GA Ordinance and/or Appendices" below for further information).

Appendix C

Appendix C is a listing of the maximum levels of assistance for housing (both heated and unheated). These maximum levels were developed by MMA using 2012-2013 HUD Fair Market Rent values that include utility costs. Because the FMR numbers include utility and heating costs, the applicable average utility and heating allowances, as developed by the Maine State Housing Authority (MSHA), are subtracted from the FMR to obtain a pure "housing" cost.

What should your municipality do if the housing maximums contained in this packet are unreasonably low (or high) given the rental rates in your area? The

preferred option is to conduct a local rental survey. Municipalities exploring this option should contact DHHS for guidance on conducting such a survey.

Another option is to forego adopting housing maximums (the law <u>does not</u> actually require housing maximums—the other two maximums, i.e., Appendix A and B, are required). If you are a municipality that has to perform "emergency analysis" each and every time an applicant requests housing assistance and you are not planning to perform a market survey (although you probably should), then perhaps working without housing maximums is an option.

Emergency analysis should be an exception, not the rule. If it has become the rule in your municipality, then the adoption of artificially low housing maximums is of no service to you (or your clients) and you might be better off with no housing maximums. Municipalities choosing to forego housing maximums <u>must</u> still adhere to the overall maximum and work an applicant's budget accordingly. Such municipalities might choose to utilize the actual FMR provided by the federal government as a guide.

The Adoption Process

The municipal officers (i.e., selectpersons/council) adopt the local General Assistance Ordinance and yearly Appendices, even in town meeting communities. The law requires that the municipal officers adopt the ordinance and/or Appendices <u>after notice</u> <u>and hearing</u>. Seven days posted notice is recommended, unless local law (or practice) provides otherwise.

At the hearing, the municipal officers should:

- 1) Allow all interested members of the public an opportunity to comment on the proposed ordinance;
- 2) End public discussion, close the hearing; and
- 3) Move and vote to adopt the ordinance either in its posted form or as amended in light of public discussion.

Filing of GA Ordinance and/or Appendices

Please remember that General Assistance law requires each municipality to send DHHS a copy of its ordinance once adopted. (For a copy of the GA model ordinance, please call MMA's Publication Department, or visit their web site www.memun.org). In addition, any changes or amendments, such as new Appendices, must also be submitted to DHHS. DHHS has made it easier by enclosing a self-addressed envelope for your use. DHHS will accept the enclosed "adoption sheet" as proof that a municipality has adopted the current GA maximums.

Enclosed please find copies of the revised Policy that cover the changes made during the last legislative session.

GA MAXIMUMS SUMMARY SHEET

Note: The overall maximums found in *Appendix A* are effective from <u>July 1, 2014 to</u> <u>June 30, 2015.</u> The maximums found in *Appendices B, C, D, E, and F* are effective from **October 1, 2014 to September 30, 2015.**

APPENDIX A - OVERALL MAXIMUMS

County	Persons in Household						
	1	2	3	4	5	6	
NOTE: For each additional person add \$69 per month.							
(The applicab	le figures from	Appendix	A, once ado	pted, should	be inserted	here.)	

APPENDIX B - FOOD MAXIMUMS

Number in Household	Weekly Maximum	Monthly Maximum
1	45.12	194
2	83.02	357
3	118.84	511
4	150.93	649
5	179.30	771
6	215.12	925
7	237.67	1,022
8	271.86	1,169
NOTE: For each additional pers	on add \$146 per month.	

APPENDIX C - HOUSING MAXIMUMS

	<u>Unh</u>	eated	Hea	ated
Number of Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0				
1				
2				
3				
4				
(The applicab	le figures from App	pendix C, once adopt	ted, should be insert	ted here.)

Appendix B Effective: 10/01/14 to 09/30/15

Food Maximums

Please Note: The maximum amounts allowed for food are established in accordance with the U.S.D.A. Thrifty Food Plan. Through October 1, 2014, those amounts are:

Number in Household	Weekly Maximum	Monthly Maximum
1	45.12	194
2	83.02	357
3	118.84	511
4	150.93	649
5	179.30	771
6	215.12	925
7	237.67	1,022
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Note: For each additional person add \$146 per month.

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GA Housing Maximums (Heated & Unheated Rents)

NOTE: NOT ALL MUNICIPALITIES SHOULD ADOPT THESE SUGGESTED HOUSING MAXIMUMS! Municipalities should ONLY **consider** adopting the following numbers, if these figures are consistent with local rent values. If not, a market survey should be conducted and the figures should be altered accordingly. The results of any such survey must be presented to DHHS prior to adoption. **Or**, no housing maximums should be adopted and eligibility should be analyzed in terms of the Overall Maximum—Appendix A. (See Instruction Memo for further guidance.)

Non-Metropolitan FMR Areas

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Aroostook County	Unh	eated	Hea	ated
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	84	362	107	461
1	84	362	113	487
2	99	426	136	584
3	134	575	179	770
4	143	614	197	848
Franklin County	Unl	reated	He	ated
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	96	412	119	511
1	97	418	124	533
2	115	493	151	651
3	137	591	183	786
4	210	905	265	1,139
Hancock County	<u>Unheated</u>		He	ated
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	105	451	126	543
1	117	503	145	625
2	145	622	180	776
3	197	845	241	1,038
4	197	845	245	1,054
Kennebec County		<u>neated</u>	Heated	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	83	359	106	457
1	94	404	123	530
2	123	529	160	686
3	159	685	203	872
4	159	685	214	920

Appendix C Effective: 10/01/14-10/01/15

Non-Metropolitan FMR Areas

Knox County	Unh	eated	He	ated
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	128	552	151	649
1	128	552	151	651
2	150	645	186	799
3	197	846	240	1,032
4	209	899	272	1,168

Lincoln County		eated		ated
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	119	513	140	600
1	124	535	153	659
2	159	684	195	838
3	200	862	244	1,048
4	207	889	260	1,118
Outoud Country	TT1	4	TT.	-4-3
Oxford County		eated Manthle		ated Monthly
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	89	382	114	491
1	101	434	126	542
2	113	487	153	657
3	161	693	209	900
4	216	928	274	1,179
Piscataquis County	Timb	eated	II.	ated
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	98	421	111	479
1	108	465	125	539
2	134	575	154	663
3	172	740	196	844
4	172	759	205	881
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Somerset County	Unl	eated	He	ated
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	100	432	123	529
1	100	432	127	548
2	116	498	152	655
3	166	714	210	904
4	166	714	211	908

Appendix C Effective: 10/01/14-10/01/15

Non-Metropolitan FMR Areas

Waldo County	Unhe	ated	He	ated
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	116	497	136	583
1	119	510	144	619
2	139	597	174	748
3	174	749	217	935
4	176	758	230	987
Washington County	Unheated		Heated	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	93	402	114	492
1	95	410	122	525
2	108	465	146	629
3	134	575	182	782
4	163	703	222	954

Metropolitan FMR Areas

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Bangor HMFA		eated		ated	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly	
0	101	432	126	543	
1	120	518	153	657	
2	145	625	185	796	
3	184	790	233	1,004	
4	210	904	268	1,154	
Penobscot County HMFA	Unheated		He	Heated	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly	
0	99	424	122	525	
1	99	424	122	525	
2	104	448	144	621	
3	148	636	198	850	
4	169	725	228	982	
Lewiston/Auburn MSA	Unheated		<u>He</u>	ated	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly	
0	89	381	111	476	
1	103	445	132	566	
2	139	597	175	751	
3	178	766	221	952	
4	180	774	233	1,003	

Appendix C Effective: 10/01/14-10/01/15

Metropolitan FMR Areas

Portland HMFA	Unheated		Heat	Heated	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly	
0	142	611	163	702	
1	166	715	194	833	
2	214	922	252	1,085	
3	271	1165	319	1,371	
4	274	1180	339	1,458	
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York/Kittery/S. Berwick	:				
HMFA	$\underline{\mathbf{U}}$	nheated	Heat	ed	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly	
0	181	779	207	890	
1	181	779	207	890	
2	206	887	247	1,060	
3	314	1,350	364	1,564	
4	334	1,434	394	1,694	
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Cumberland County HMFA	U	nheated	Heat	ed	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly	
0	111	479	133	573	
1	131	563	157	674	
2	167	720	204	876	
3	228	982	272	1,168	
4	271	1167	324	1,394	
Sagadahoc County HMFA	Ľ	nheated	Heat	Heated	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly	
0	140	603	161	693	
1	140	603	161	693	
2	155	667	191	821	
3	192	825	242	1,039	
4	276	1,187	336	1,444	
York County HMFA	Unheated		Heat	Heated	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly	
0	126	541	146	629	
1	126	541	150	646	
2	156	672	192	825	
3	216	928	259	1,114	
4	216	928	266	1,143	

APPENDIX D - UTILITIES

ELECTRIC

NOTE: For an electrically heated dwelling also see "Heating Fuel" maximums below. But remember, an applicant is *not automatically* entitled to the "maximums" established—applicants must demonstrate need.

1) Electricity Maximums for Households <u>Without</u> Electric Hot Water: The maximum amounts allowed for utilities, for lights, cooking and other electric uses excluding electric hot water and heat:

Number in Household	Weekly	<u>Monthly</u>
1	\$14.00	\$60.00
2	\$15.70	\$67.50
3	\$17.45	\$75.00
4	\$19.70	\$86.00
5	\$23.10	\$99.00
6	\$25.00	\$107.00
NOTE: For each additional person add \$7.50 per month.		

2) Electricity Maximums for Households <u>With</u> Electrically Heated Hot Water: The maximum amounts allowed for utilities, hot water, for lights, cooking and other electric uses excluding heat:

Number in Household	Weekly	Monthly
1	\$19.10	\$82.00
2	\$23.75	\$102.00
3	\$27.70	\$119.00
4	\$32.25	\$139.00
5	\$37.30	\$160.00
6	\$41.00	\$176.00
NOTE: For each additional person	add \$10.00 per month.	

NOTE: For electrically heated households, the maximum amount allowed for electrical utilities per month shall be the sum of the appropriate maximum amount under this subsection and the appropriate maximum for heating fuel as provided below.

APPENDIX E - HEATING FUEL

<u>Month</u>	Gallons	Month	Gallons
September	50	January	225
October	100	February	225
November	200	March	125
December	200	April	125
		May	50

NOTE: When the dwelling unit is heated electrically, the maximum amount allowed for heating purposes will be calculated by multiplying the number of gallons of fuel allowed for that month by the current price per gallon. When fuels such as wood, coal and/or natural gas are used for heating purposes, they will be budgeted at actual rates, if they are reasonable. No eligible applicant shall be considered to need more than 7 tons of coal per year, 8 cords of wood per year, 126,000 cubic feet of natural gas per year, or 1000 gallons of propane.

APPENDIX F - PERSONAL CARE & HOUSEHOLD SUPPLIES

Number in Household	Weekly Amount	Monthly Amount
1-2	\$10.50	\$45.00
3-4	\$11.60	\$50.00
5-6	\$12.80	\$55.00
7-8	\$14.00	\$60.00
NOTE: For each additional person add \$1.25 per week or \$5.00 per month.		

SUPPLEMENT FOR HOUSEHOLDS WITH CHILDREN UNDER 5

When an applicant can verify expenditures for the following items, a special supplement will be budgeted as necessary for households with children under 5 years of age for items such as cloth or disposable diapers, laundry powder, oil, shampoo, and ointment up to the following amounts:

Number of Children	Weekly Amount	Monthly Amount
1	\$12.80	\$55.00
2	\$17.40	\$75.00
3	\$23.30	\$100.00
4	\$27.90	\$120.00



Citizen Involvement Application

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

Name	Phone Number
Years Resided in Veazie	
Specialty or Field	
Committee or Boards Interested In	
Additional Information	
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If interested please feel free to tear this page out and return it to the Town Office

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Name	Phone Number
Address	
Civic Involvement	
Years Resided in Veazie	
Specialty or Field	
Committee or Boards Interested In	
Additional Information	
Applicants Signature:	
*By signing this document I acknowledge that I have re Committee Policy that has been adopted by the	•
Date Received at Town Office:	

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Manager's Report For October 27, 2014 Council Meeting

Since the last meeting these are some of the items that I've completed or been working on:

I have walked the cemetery and located all of the broken GAR Markers and have had them all repaired except for two. These were repaired by local resident/welder Glen Tinkham at no charge to the Town. All broken markers have been replaced and all others have been adjusted so they're standing straight and displaying the American Flag appropriately. I have also replaced or repaired missing/broken Veteran's Markers except 4 that were discovered by Councilor Walker and Citizen Gail Bemis who helped with the project.

I've made the approved changes to the recently adopted cemetery rules and regulations. We are working with our web page designer to add a new section to the web page designated simply to the cemetery. Once this has been completed these documents will be added to the Towns webpage.

I spoke to a cemetery record management company and have scheduled a webinar to view what the product can do for the Town on November 6 at 1000 AM. This will occur at my office if anyone else wants to see what the product has to offer. The company is in discussion with other surrounding communities who are also looking to use the product. My initial impression of the product is good and I feel that it would definitely be a solution for record management concerns involving the cemetery.

I have met with the Town Line sign installer who had planned to install the signs this week. Because of poor weather this did not occur and hopefully will occur next week if the weather cooperates.

At the request of the Town Council I've worked on and nearly completed a job description for the position of Town Manager. A previous version was found after further research. I will present both at the November Council meeting for review and discussion. This is in preparation for my yearly review.

I conducted a staff meeting with the Police Department. Several items were discussed to include end of year training requirements. Following the staff meeting, training was conducted to include operation of the new in car camera system that was obtained at no cost to the Town by participating in the click it or ticket campaign and the OUI enforcement grant. A second camera was also obtained through this program and will be installed in the other marked cruiser.

At the direction of the Council at the last meeting the letter for the planning board member was prepared and sent and has been received.

At the request of the Council I have updated the Citizen Involvement Application. This will be discussed at this council meeting.

I met with Jeremy Clay from the Community Connector. He and I conducted an inventory of the Community Connector signs located on the bus route. From this inventory we were able to remove

Manager's Report For October 27, 2014 Council Meeting

several unnecessary signs and will be installing a few signs at new locations. All BAT signs will be replaced with new Community Connector Signs. I have removed all of the signs that needed removal and will be working on having the new signs installed

I held the bidders meeting for the ground maintenance contract that we currently are accepting bids for. Two bidders were in attendance. At the time of this writing (4) bids have been received. All bids will be opened at 200PM on October 27 and will be presented to the Council at the meeting

I have been working with the Town Forester on a hazard tree assessment. Two trees on State Street have been identified as critically needing to be removed. I have contacted MDOT and requested that they look at the trees as they are in their right of way. I want to have these trees removed prior to the winter

I assisted members of the conservation commission and other members of the public, in removing the deteriorated bridges located in McPhetres Forest. These bridges were then replaced with new ones which will be much safer than what was in place. The installed bridges will also be easier to replace in the future when they fail

I've worked uniformed patrol several times while staff is in training. I attended the Regional Communication Board of Directors Meeting and the Underage Drinking Task Force meeting for Region 5.

I'm working with Barney Silver to address concerns involving drainage in Silver Ridge as well as concerns with ditching on Brookside Drive.

Attachments:
MRC Information
Veazie Council Chair FOIA letter to the Orono/Veazie Water District
Orono/Veazie Water District Charter
Information from Orono/Veazie Water District Trustee Perkins
Citizens letter to the Town Councils of Orono and Veazie on Water Quality Concerns
Memo from County Admin Bill Collins
Flyer on Culturefest 2014
Open Gym notification



Member Update - October 7, 2014

As we settle into the fall weather, things continue to be busy at the MRC as we maintain our normal operations and, at the same time, engage in a planning process for post-2018. Following along our earlier communications about the Public Benefit Determination ("PBD") process at the Department of Environmental Protection ("DEP") we wanted to provide some additional updates.

- As we had reported, the DEP issued a draft denial of our PBD application for a secure landfill as part of a
 possible integrated waste management system for after 2018. In response to that draft, the MRC
 submitted comments explaining the numerous, significant flaws we see in the DEP's thinking on this
 issue. After sending those comments, we withdrew our application knowing that the department's
 position would not change. We have attached the comments we submitted for your review.
- We've already started moving forward, both with planning for the construction of a state-of-the-art
 waste processing facility and for an alternative landfilling solution for the unavoidable residuals from
 that facility. We're exploring a wide range of options and are hoping to have some additional news to
 report, particularly regarding the processing facility, in the near future.
- We continue to struggle with the behavior of the private venture capital firm, USA Energy ("USAE") that
 owns a controlling majority of PERC. USAE has spent over \$1,000,000 so far of PERC money (a portion of
 which belongs to the MRC communities) on lobbyists from the firm Doyle & Nelson to push policies that
 the MRC actively opposes and to try to prevent our work in planning for after 2018 when PERC is no
 longer economically viable. We've attached a letter explaining why we're voting against PERC's budget
 this year and its proposal for another \$500,000 in lobbying expenditures in 2015.
- The next quarterly board meeting of the MRC's elected, volunteer board of directors is coming up:

MRC Board of Directors Fall Meeting Wednesday, October 22 – 10:00 a.m. Orono Town Hall, 59 Main Street, Orono

Please consider attending this meeting to learn more about our post-2018 planning process and, as always, please don't hesitate to contact us for more information:

Greg Lounder, MRC Executive Director (207) 664-1700 glounder@mrcmaine.org.

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Ensuring affordable, long term, environmentally sound disposal of MSW

September 30, 2014

Karen Knuuti, Division of Solid Waste Management Maine Department of Environmental Protection Eastern Maine Regional Office 106 Hogan Road, Suite 6 Bangor, Maine 04401

RE: Comments by the Municipal Review Committee, Inc. ("MRC") on the draft order on the MRC's application for determination of public benefit DEP #S-022432-W5-A-N

Dear Ms. Knuuti:

Concurrent with its notice of withdrawal of the above captioned application, the MRC hereby provides these comments on the above referenced draft Order issued by the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (the "Department") on September 24, 2014. The MRC remains committed to development of an integrated solid waste management system that includes a new facility for processing of mixed-MSW, which would achieve a huge increase in the level of diversion of MSW to both recycling and other beneficial uses and away from combustion and landfill disposal. We appreciate the statements of general support for such a facility contained in the draft Order. We are concerned, however, that despite the Department's general recitations of support, the effect of certain reasoning in the draft Order would be harmful to ongoing efforts by the MRC or other similar regional entities to develop such an integrated solid waste management system.

The MRC agrees with the Department's findings and conclusions that the MRC is a duly formed regional association with sufficient legal authority to apply for a determination of public benefit and that it may own and operate a solid waste disposal facility. The MRC also concurs with the DEP's conclusion that the proposed landfill would not be a commercial solid waste disposal facility subject to the existing statutory moratorium on the development of such facilities.

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That said, the MRC is concerned that the Department has failed to distinguish between assumed future landfill capacity (that is, space that currently is licensed or could potentially be licensed to accept MSW from MRC communities) and landfill capacity that is actually available to the MRC communities. For example, the six theoretical scenarios for disposal suggested in the draft Order all presume that the MRC can contract with Juniper Ridge Landfill ("JRL") for some or all of its disposal capacity needs. In doing so, the Department places great emphasis on the assumed long-term physical capacity at JRL to accept these materials, but it ignores substantial impediments to the MRC gaining practical access to this potential capacity.

For example, the draft Order overlooks existing contractual provisions that could be leveraged by PERC, LP through PERC's general partner USAE to prevent MRC or its members from using capacity at JRL or to prevent MRC from engaging JRL in discussions concerning such use.

These restrictions were made a matter of public record in a prior Department proceeding (DEP Application S-020700-WD-BC-A), but are either overlooked or assumed away by the Department in its draft Order, perhaps on the basis that they are unenforceable as an impermissible restraint on trade (which they certainly appear to be). It would be helpful for the State to advise the MRC of the State's view in this regard. Even if the offending contract provisions are not enforceable, however, if Casella, as a party to that Agreement, believes it is precluded from engaging in discussions with the MRC regarding the use of JRL, then MRC could not pursue any of the disposal capacity scenarios set forth in the draft Order.

The draft Order suggests that the MRC was incomplete in its capacity needs analysis by ignoring that fact that unprocessed MSW proximate to several municipal landfills and the Crossroads landfill could be disposed at those facilities. Such arrangements would leave the remaining MRC member communities without sufficient volume to support the development of an integrated solid waste management system as described in MRC's application and support in the Department's draft order.

Fundamentally, the draft Order casts aside as irrelevant actual market forces (and real economics) associated with the various capacity alternatives proffered. Further, it ignores the economic viability of the PERC plant beyond March of 2018, simply accepting without any substantiation the assertions of PERC's general partner that it will continue to operate. This is of little comfort to the MRC membership for whom the alternatives of continued delivery to the PERC plant or delivery to more distant disposal sites simply will not be financially feasible.

¹ The Disposal Agreement dated October 1, 2012, between PERC and its affiliates and Casella Waste Systems, Inc., and certain of its affiliates, by its terms, could be asserted to preclude Casella from encouraging or promoting diversion of Solid Waste originating within MRC communities away from the PERC facility. The Disposal Agreement could be asserted as precluding Casella from engaging in discussions with the MRC or its communities relating to disposal of process residuals or MSW at JRL during the term of the Agreement, which expires on March 31, 2018, or for one year thereafter.

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Finally, the Department itself has not yet approved an expansion of capacity at JRL sufficient to accommodate the medium and long term needs of the MRC communities. We are left to conclude that unlicensed potential capacity, rather than licensed capacity, is now the standard by which public benefit will be measured. Such a standard would be both impractical and unfair. In this particular case, it leaves the MRC communities at the mercy of future regulatory action with no assurance that capacity will, in fact, be available.

The MRC remains fully committed to its mission to provide affordable, long-term and environmentally sound waste management for its member municipalities. To achieve its mission, the MRC will continue with the development of an integrated solid waste management system to maximize recovery of materials from incoming MSW, and to minimize residuals requiring landfill disposal, in order to provide an affordable alternative for MSW management to replace the PERC facility by 2018. In view of the draft Order from the Department, the MRC will need to develop an alternative approach for provision of capacity for residuals disposal to support its system. Our success will necessarily involve further applications for permits from, and other work with, the Department. Notwithstanding the disagreements regarding the draft Order, we look forward to working with the Department to advance the development of an integrated solid waste management system to serve the needs of the MRC municipalities.

Respectfully submitted,
MUNICIPAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

Greg Lounder, Executive Director



Both Sides of the Story: Why the MRC Must Vote Against Adoption of PERC's 2015 Budget

The MRC is aware that our member communities are being approached by Doyle & Nelson, an Augusta law firm, to present its version of the story regarding the continuation of the PERC facility beyond 2018. Understandably, many of our members have agreed to hear the presentation in order to hear first-hand both sides of the PERC story.

Responsible municipal officials in all of our member communities should gather all of the facts they need to hear in order to make the best decisions they can. We encourage dialogue and discussion of the complicated choices on how to manage solid waste after the existing arrangements expire in 2018.

Nonetheless, the MRC member communities also need to be aware that Doyle & Nelson is not sharing the entire story - including the source of the money to pay its very impressive fees.

Every fall, ESOCO (the contract operating company that operates the PERC facility for the owners) prepares an operating budget for the upcoming calendar year. The budget is presented for approval to the three members of the PERC Oversight Committee: USA Energy, which is PERC's general partner (USAE); PERC Holdings, a private limited partner; and the MRC, representing the public municipal owners. PERC's budget is sizable and complex, with revenues of over \$44,000,000 expected in 2015. PERC's local management team has always done an excellent job of preparing and presenting a responsible and reliable budget and this year is no exception.

This year, however, the draft version of the 2015 budget includes \$500,000 for a line-item labeled "Other Non-Operating Income/Expense", which was inserted at the direction of USAE. The intent is to use these funds from PERC to pay Doyle & Nelson for its activities.

Since late 2012, USAE has spent more than \$1,000,000 on Doyle & Nelson and other lobbying activities, and has used its position as general partner to reimburse these expenses from PERC funds that would otherwise be distributed to the PERC partners, including the MRC municipalities. Activities supported by these funds have included:

- Lobbying for the passage of LD 1483, a bill that would have used revenue sharing funds legislation to subsidize PERC, which the MRC and its member municipalities strongly opposed, and which would change the policy landscape in Maine to force the continuance of PERC at any cost and taxpayer expense.
- Actively opposing MRC's post 2018 planning process, including devising plans to freeze the MRC's assets.
- Actively opposing the MRC's attempts to develop a mixed waste processing facility using emerging 21st century technology to recover materials for recycling and to produce liquid fuels, which would fill the gap left when the PERC facility becomes uneconomic and closes after 2018.
- Acting to block the MRC communities from developing a post 2018 arrangement with the state-owned landfill in Old Town and other arrangements to support development of the mixed waste processing facility, and
- Asking municipal officials not to let the MRC know about public meetings organized by USAE at which its
 paid lobbyists advocate for continuation of the PERC Plant beyond 2018.

As the Executive Director of the MRC, I cannot support a PERC budget that would fund legislation to divert even more taxpayer funds and that undermines MRC's work on an affordable, long-term and environmentally sound solution for managing our solid waste. So, with the support of the MRC's volunteer Board of Directors, which is elected by the MRC membership, I will vote against passage of this budget knowing that in all likelihood I'll be the lone dissenter on the on the three member PERC Oversight Committee and that it will likely pass despite my opposing vote.

The MRC believes that USAE's costs of lobbying should be covered by USAE, not by diverting funds from PERC and away from the MRC municipalities. USAE's actions are inappropriate for any general partner and a shameful way to do business. The MRC has filed and continues to pursue a lawsuit against USAE in an effort to stop this unconscionable diversion of funds from PERC to serve the private interests of USAE.

To add insult to injury, USAE still has not provided a viable proposal to the MRC regarding the terms of an extension past 2018. Why not? USAE fully understands the economic reality that the 30-year-old PERC facility, with its 1980s technology, cannot continue to compete past 2018 unless it gets massive subsidies and much higher tipping fees from municipalities – fees that no private entity would ever agree to pay. USAE puts off its response because it has nothing to offer that towns would accept.

PERC has served the MRC municipalities well for the past 25+ years. We are saddened to anticipate its closing. Nonetheless, we firmly believe that more dialogue and discussion at the municipal level will result in further support for the course that the MRC feels it has no alternative but to follow, which can be summarized as follows:

- Develop a new regional waste processing facility with emerging 21st century technology to recover materials for recycling and to produce liquid fuels.
- Develop an integrated system for waste hauling, product marketing and residuals disposal to support the operation of the processing facility.
- Design the system to serve eastern and central Maine without the need for any out-of-state waste
- Accept that, after 2018, the PERC facility will not be economically viable, because of its reliance on largescale imports of out-of-state waste, reliance on 1980s technology not easily updated to accommodate additional recycling, and reliance on electricity price subsidies that cannot be affordably extended or sustained over a long term period.

So, yes, if Doyle & Nelson contacts you to present their side of the story, feel free to accept – but our advice is to let the MRC know. Be prepared to ask questions about the actual tip fee that PERC would charge after 2018. Be prepared to ask how many contract extensions have already been signed. Be prepared to ask what additional costs PERC will face with a 30-year-old facility, what technology innovations they are planning to incorporate into PERC after 2018, and how those innovations will be funded. Be prepared to ask whether they will allow municipalities to implement new pay-as-you-throw programs and recycling programs, and whether they will continue to insist that the municipalities sign contracts with inflexible delivery guarantees (GATs). And be prepared to evaluate whether the answers are satisfactory.

The MRC encourages you to get both sides of the story, if you haven't already done so. And, when your evaluation is done, let me know where you stand.

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MEMORANDUM

TO:

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MRC Membership

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FROM: Greg Lounder

DATE:

October 15, 2014

RE:

Regular Meeting of MRC Board of Directors - October 22, 2014

Upcoming Meeting

Please find enclosed an agenda for the upcoming meeting of the MRC Board of Directors to be held in the Council Chambers at the Town of Orono Municipal Building on October 22, 2014 starting at 10:00 a.m. The MRC Board wishes to extend an invitation to all member representatives to attend the upcoming meeting. To assist in our preparation, please contact Greg Lounder at 866-254-3507 or 664-1700 if you plan to attend.

What's New

Update on Progress toward Post 2018 Solid Waste Disposal Solutions

The MRC continues to move forward with the development of a new integrated system to manage MSW from the MRC communities beginning on April 1, 2018. We continue to make important progress, notwithstanding the withdrawal of the MRC's application for a determination of public benefit for a disposal facility in advance of the pending denial decision by the Maine DEP.

The MRC is evaluating arrangements for locating a mixed MSW processing and recycling facility at the state-owned Juniper Ridge Landfill in Old Town. It now appears that such arrangements might need to be delayed until the questions of state authority to make such arrangements can be clarified. Further cooperation from the state, the landfill operator and PERC, LP will be required to allow for timely site development at this location.

The MRC is also pursuing several extremely promising opportunities to locate a new mixed MSW processing and recycling facility at sites that are independent of any disposal facility. In these cases, the MRC would make arrangements for residual disposal with existing disposal facilities. We will report our progress on these site development efforts as milestones are achieved.

PUBLIC MEETING - PLEASE POST

MUNICIPAL REVIEW COMMITTEE, INC. (MRC) BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Town of Orono Municipal Building - 59 Main Street, Orono, Maine

October 22, 2013 10:00 AM AGENDA

- 1. 10:00 AM Call to Order
- 2. Consideration of Minutes of July 23, 2014 Regular Meeting and September 17 Special Meeting
- 3. Consideration of Financial Statement & Bills Payable
- 4. Fourth Quarter 2014 Tipping Fee Calculation
- 5. PERC Facility Operations Report Peter Prata, PERC Plant Manager
- 6. Charter Municipality Asset Management Report Custody Account, Tip Fee & Operating Budget Stabilization Funds, LP Interest/Bond Prepayment & 4th Quarter Cash Distribution
- 7. Consideration of agreement with University of Maine to peer review certain chemical and biological processing components of the Fiberight MSW processing technology
- 8. Progress report on development of a new MSW recycling and processing facility with Fiberight, LLC
- 9. Recognition of MRC member support for the Post 2018 Planning Process
- Administrative Report Trends in MSW deliveries, Slate of nominees for Annual Election of Directors, MRC Annual Meeting/2015 Meeting Schedule, PERC 2015 Budget

Lunch Noon

- 11. Executive Session per 1 MRS §405(6) (e) for discussion with legal counsel concerning legal rights and duties over certain contract matters related to potential negotiations with the PERC Partners and separate negotiations with Fiberight, LLC and as related to pending litigation that MRC has initiated against PERC's general partner USA Energy Group, LLC and Executive Session per 1 MRS 405(6) (c) to discuss the condition and potential acquisition and use of real and personal property and Executive Session per MRS 405(6) (a) to discuss a personnel matter.
- 12. Adjourn

Members are welcome. Please call ahead 866-254-3507 or 664-1700 if you plan to attend.

October 9, 2014

Supt. Dennis Cross Orono-Veazie Water District 47 Penobscot Street Orono, ME 04473-0040

Dear Supt. Cross,

On behalf of the Veazie Town Council, I am requesting one copy of the Orono-Veazie Water District's charter with amendments under the Maine Freedom of Access Act. I can make myself available to copy the charter at your office at a time that is convenient for your staff. If you prefer to have a copy mailed to me, please use the following address:

Town of Veazie ATTN: Tammy Perry 1084 Main Street Veazie, ME 04401

Also on behalf of the Veazie Town Council, I am respectfully requesting that the Orono-Veazie Water District Board of Trustees reconsider our invitation to hold a workshop with them in Veazie, similar to the workshop held in Orono on July 30. Since the end of the calendar year is a busy time for most people, we propose holding a workshop at either our January 12 or January 26, 2015 council meetings.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Thank you,

Tammy J. Perry

Chair, Veazie Town Council

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cc: John J. McCormack, Chair

Jason Bolton

Paul Smith

Ken Borneman

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CHAPTER

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-SIX

S. P. 648 - L. D. 2058

ACT Concerning the Charter of the Orono-Venzie Water District.

Emergency preamble. Wherens, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective futil 90 days after adjournment unless cancted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the Maine Supreme Judicial Court has recently held one portion of the charter of the Orono-Veazle Water District unconstitutional; and

Whereas, the Orono-Veazle Water District supplies vitally needed water) to many inhabitants of the Orono-Venzie area; and

Whereas, the district's charter must be cured of its unconstitutionality as soon as possible to avoid any possible interference with its authority to supply water to its customers; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public is peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows::

P. & S. L. 1971, c. 67, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof;

Sec. r. Territorial limits; corporate name; purposes. Subject to section 16, the inliabitants and territory within the Towns of Orono and Veazle in . the County of Penobscot shall be and hereby are constituted a public municipal corporation under the name of "Orono-Veazie Water District" for the purpose of supplying the inhabitants of said district with pure water for domestic, sanitary, manufacturing and municipal purposes.

Sec. 2. Source of supply. The said water district, for the purposes of its incorporation, is authorized to take, collect, store, hold, divert, use, flow, detain and distribute water from any lake, pond, stream or river and from any surface or underground brook, spring or veln of water in said Towns of Orono and Veazle, and from any other source from which the Penobscot . County Water Company is now authorized to take water, including sources outside of the Towns of Orono and Veazie.

Sec. 3. Right of eminent domain conferred. The said district, for the purposes of its incorporation, is hereby authorized to take and hold, as for while uses by purposes gift or by everyles of the right of eminent domain. public uses, by purchase, gift, or by exercise of the right of eminent domain, which right is heroby expressly delegated to said water district for said. purposes, any lands or interests therein or water rights necessary for erecting and maintaining dams, for flowage, for power, for pumping its water supply through its mains, for reservoirs and standpipes, for preserving the purity of " the water and watershed, for laying and maintaining aqueducts, mains and

other structures for taking, distributing, discharging and disposing of water and for rights-of-way or roadways to its sources of supply, dams, power stations, reservoirs, standpipes, mains, aqueducts, structures and lands. Nothing herein contained shall be construed as authorizing said water district to take by right of eminent domain any of the property or facilities of any other public service corporation or district used or acquired for future use by the owner thereof in the performance of a public duty, unless expressly authorized thereto herein or by subsequent Act of the Legislature, or as provided in Section 7.

Sec. 4. Authorized to lay pipes, public ways and across private lands. The said district is hereby authorized to lay in and through the streets, roads, ways and highways within said district and across private lands therein, and to maintain and replace all such pipes, aqueducts, mains and fixtures as may be necessary, and may excavate through any lands when necessary and convenient for its corporate purposes; and whenever said district shall lay any pipes, aqueducts or mains in any street, road, way or highway, it shall cause the same to be done with as little obstruction as practicable to the public travel, and shall at its own expense without unnecessary delay cause the earth and pavement removed by it to be replaced in proper condition.

Sec. 5. Authorized to crect and maintain dams, reservoirs, etc. The said district is hereby authorized, for the purposes of its incorporation, to crect and maintain all dams, pumping stations, with all necessary appliances required therefor, reservoirs, standplies and structures necessary and convenient for its corporate purposes.

Sec. 6. Procedure in exercising rights of eminent domain; assessment of damages; appeal procedure. Said water district shall be liable for all damage that shall be sustained by any person or corporation in his or its property by the taking of any land or interest therein whatsoever, for water, or by flowage, or by excavating through any land for the purpose of laying pipes, aqueducts or mains, building dams or constructing reservoirs or standpipes.

In exercising any right of eminent domain conferred upon it by law, from time to time, in the taking of lands or interests therein, or water rights, the said district shall file in the office of the county commissioners of Ponobacot County and record in the registry of deeds in said county plans of the location of all such lands or interests therein or water rights, with an appropriate description and the names of the owners thereof, if known, Notice of the filing shall be sent by mall to the owners at the address appearing on the tax records of the municipality in which the land is located. When for any reason the district falls to acquire the property authorized to be taken, and which is described in such location, or the location recorded is defective or uncertain, It may, at any time, correct and perfect such location and file a new description thereof, and in such case the district shall be liable in damages only for property for which the owner had not previously been paid, to be assessed as of the time of the original taiding, and the district shall not be liable for any acts which would have been justified if the original taking had been luwful, No entry shall be made on any private lands, except to make surveys, until the expiration of ro days from such filing, whereupon possession may be had of all said lands or interests therein or water rights so taken, but title shall not yest in said district until payment therefor.

If any person or corporation sustaining damages by any taking as aforesaid and said water district shall not mutually agree upon the sum to be paid therefor, either party, upon petition to the county commissioners of Penobscot County, may have such damages assessed by them; and the procedure and all subsequent proceedings and right of appeal thereon shall be had under the same restrictions, conditions and limitations as are or may be by law prescribed in the case of damages by the laying out of town ways.

Sec. 7. Procedures in crossing of railroads or utility rights of way. In case of any crossing of a railroad or the right-of-way occupied by the trans-

mission or distribution lines of an electric company or telephone company, unless consent is given by the company owning or operating such railroad or transmission line, as to place, manner and conditions of the crossing, within go days after such consent is requested by such district, the Public Utilities Commission shall, upon petition setting forth a description of said premises and the reasons for said crossing, after notice given as said commission may prescribe, determine the place, manner and conditions of such crossing; and all work within the limits of such railroad location or right-of-way shall be done under the supervision and to the satisfaction of such railroad company, telephone company or electric company, as the case may be, but at the expense of the district, unless otherwise ordered by said Public Utilities Commission, which shall award to said railroad, telephone company or electric company any damage suffered by it occasioned by said crossing.

Sec. 8. Board of trustees; appointment; compensation. All the affairs of sald district shall be managed by a board of trustees composed of 5 members, 3 to be appointed by the municipal officers of the Town of Orono and 2 to be appointed by the municipal officers of the Town of Veazie, within 30 days after the acceptance of this Act by the luhabitants of said district as hereinafter provided, but none of the selectmen of either of said towns shall be appointed to the board of trustees. As soon as convenient after the members of said board have been appointed, said trustees shall hold a meeting in the Town of Orone and organize by the election of a president and clock, from their own membership, adopt a corporate seal and choose a treasurer and when necessary, all other needful officers and agents, who with the treasurer shall serve at their pleasure and whose compensation shall be fixed by said trustees. Whenever a vacancy occurs in the office of president, clock or treasurer, it shall be promptly filled by said board of trustees. At the said first meeting they may determine by agreement, or falling to agree, they shall determine by lot, the term of office of each trustee so that one shall retire each year and the term of office of the first trustee shall end at the end of the municipal year of the Town of Orono following the acceptance of this Act, and thereafter, the term of office of a trustee shall expire with the end of each municipal year. Whenever the term of office of a trustee expires, the body which appointed said trustee shall appoint a successor to serve the full term of 5 years, and in case any other vacancy arises from any cause, it shall be filled in like manner for the unexpired term. When any trustee conses to be a resident of the town from which he received his appointment, he vacates the office of trustee. They may also ordain and establish such bylanes as are necessary for their own convenience and the proper management of the affairs of the district. Said trustees may procure an office and incur such expense as may be necessary. The treasurer shall furnish bond in such sum and with such sureties as they may approve. Members of the board shall not be eligible to any office under the board, except that of president and clerk. The trustees, as such, shall receive as compensation for their services an amount to be determined by them not to exceed \$500 each per year; but the treasurer may be allowed such compensation as the trustees shall determine.

The trustees shall be sworn to the falthful performance of their duties as such, which shall include the duties of any member who shall serve as clerk or clerk pro tem.

Sec. 9. Temporary loans negotiated; issue of bonds. For accomplishing the purposes of this Act, said water district, through its trustees, is authorized to borrow money temporarily and to issue therefor the negotiable notes of the district, and for the purpose of refunding the indebtedness so created, for paying any necessary expenses and liabilities incurred under the provisions of this Act, including the expenses incurred in the creation of a district, in securing sources of supply, taking water and land, paying damages, taking rights-of-way or other interests in real estate, by purchase or otherwise, laying pipes, aqueducts and mains, constructing, installing, maintaining and operating reservoirs, standpipes, dams, pumping stations and whatever equipment may be necessary or incidental to the construction and installation of such system of water works, and making renewals of or extensions, additions and improvements to the same, the said water district, through its trustees,

may, from time to time, issue bonds of the district to the amount or amounts necessary in the judgment of the trustees therefor. Said notes and bonds shall be legal obligations of said water district, which is hereby declared to be a quasi-municipal corporation within the meaning of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30, section 5053, and all the provisions of said section shall be applicable thereto. The said notes and bonds shall be legal investments for savings banks.

Sec. 10. Contracts for supply of water. Said district, through its trustees, is authorized to contract with persons and corporations, including the Bangor, Water District, for the purpose of supplying water as contemplated by this Act, and the Bangor Water District is authorized to distribute water to the Orono-Vezzle Water District at such rates and under such terms as shall be established by the Public Utilities Commission.

Sec. 11. Authority to purchase; right of eminent domain to take property of Penebscot County Water Company. The Orono-Veazie Water District is authorized and empowered to acquire by purchase or by the exercise of the right of eminent domain, which right is expressly delegated to said district for said purpose, the entire plant, property, franchises, rights and privileges of the Penebscot County Water Company located in or serving the Towns of Orono and Veazle, except its cash assets, accounts receivable, and its land and office building on Forest Avenue in Orono, including all lands, waters, water rights, dams, structures, reservoirs, pipes, machinery, fixtures, hydrants, tools and all apparatus and appliances owned by said company, whether the record title thereto is or is not in said Penobscot County Water Company. Said company is authorized to sell, transfer and convey its franchises and property to said water district.

Sec. 12. Procedures for purchase or exercise of right of eminent domain. Before exercising any right of eminent domain conferred under this Act with respect to the property of the Penobscot County Water Company, the district shall make a reasonable effort to acquire said property by purchase. The district shall cause said property to be appraised for the purpose of determining the amount that would constitute just compensation for the taking of and property. The district, its agents, employees or designees, may, upon 30 days written notice to the Penobscot County Water Company, enter upon the real property of the Penobscot County Water Company, make surveys, examinations, photographs, tests and samplings of the real or personal proporty of the Penobscot County Water Company for the purpose of appraising said real or personal property. Such entry as aforesaid shall take place during daylight hours. The entry and activities authorized by this section shall not constitute a trespass, but the district shall be liable for physical injury to, and for substantial interference with possession or use of, property of the Penobscot County Water Company caused by its entry and activities upon the property, which damages may be recovered by complaint in a civil action. The district shall establish the amount which it beliaves to be just compensation for said property and shall submit to the Ponobscot County. Water Company a proposed offer to purchase said property for the amount so established. The amount of said offer shall not be less than the district's approved appraisal of the fair market value of said property. Compliance by the district with the foregoing shall be determined to be, and shall constitute, a reasonable effort by the district to acquire said property by purchase.,

If, within 60 days of the date the proposed offer to purchase is submitted to the Penobscot County Water Company, the district and the Penobscot County Water Company are unable to reach agreement as to the amount of just compensation, the district through its trustees, is authorized and empowered to take and acquire as for public use the entire plant, property, franchises, rights and privileges of the Ponobscot County Water Company located in or serving the Towns of Orono, Veazie and Bradley, except its bash assets and accounts receivable, but including all lands, waters, water rights, dams, structures, reservoirs, pipes, machinery, fixtures, hydrants, tools and all apparatus and appliances owned by said company, whether the record little thereto is or is not in said Penobscot County Water Company and to record in the Penob-

scot County Registry of Deeds a notice of condemnation and taking which shall be in substantially the following form:

NOTICE OF CONDEMNATION AND TAKING

The Orono-Veazle Water District does hereby give notice to all whom it may concern:

That the Orono-Veazle Water District, in accordance with the authority delegated to it by the provisions of this Act, has determined to and does hereby exercise its right of eminent domain to acquire as for public use the entire plant, property, franchises, rights and privileges of the Penobscot County Water Company located in or serving the Towns of Orono, Veazle, and Bradley, except its cash assets and accounts receivable, but including all lands, waters, water rights, dams, structures, reservoirs, pipes, machinery, fixtures, hydrants, tools and all apparatus and appliances owned by said company, whether the record title thereto is or is not in said Penobscot County Water Company.

This Notice of Condemnation and Taking shall be recorded in the Registry of Deeds of Penobscot County, and a copy shall be sent to the Penobscot County Water Company by registered or certified mall or by personal service as required for service of a summons of a complaint in the Superior Court. A copy shall be sent to any mortgages, holders of any tax lieus or any other encumbrances of record by certified or registered mail.

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STATE OF MAINE COUNTY OF PENOBSCOT, SS.

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Personally appeared the above named

of the Orono-Veazle Water District, and acknowledged the above instrument to be his free act and deed in his said capacity and the free act and deed of the said Orono-Veazle Water District. Before me,

Justice of the Peace Notary Public

Upon the recording of the Notice of Condemnation and Taking as aforesald, a check in the amount determined by the district to be just compensation and a copy of the Notice of Condemnation and Taking shall be served upon the Penobscot County Water Company. Service of the Notice of Condemnation and Taking, together with the check, shall be made by registered or certified mall or by personal service as required for service of a summons on a complaint in the Superior Court. Acceptance and cashing of the check shall not constitute a waiver of the right of the Penobscot County Water Company to appeal the district's determination of just compensation. In the event there is a mortgage, tax lien or other encumbrance of record covering any of said property, a copy of the Notice of Condemnation and Taking shall be sent by the district by registered or certified mail to the holder of record of said mortgage, tax lien or other encumbrance addressed to the office or place of abode of the holder as set forth in said record.

The date of the recording of the Notice of Condemnation and Taking shall be the date of taking and the recording of the Notice of Condemnation and Taking shall vest title to the property therein described in the district.

Within 30 days of the date of the recording of the Notice of Condemnation and Taking the Penobscot County Water Company shall file in the cierk's office of the Superior Court of the County of Penobscot and serve a copy upon the district, so far as they relate to the water service provided in the Towns of Orono and Veazie, the following: First, schedule showing the names, residences and water service of all of its customers with the rate charged therefor; 2nd, copies of all contracts in force; 3rd, an itemized statement of the gross income carned during its last complete fiscal year and up to the first day of the month preceding the recording of the Notice of Condemnation and Taking and all operating expenses and fixed charges, paid or incurred during such period and properly chargeable thereto; 4th, a memorandum of all real estate, water rights, or interests therein, owned or controlled by the company, with such brief description thereof as will reasonably identify the same; 5th, brief descriptions, specifications and plans of all reservoirs, mains, pipes, service pipes, hydrants, gates, gate boxes, shut-off boxes, fixtures and machinory and all the physical elements in such water system, glving in detail quantities, sizes and lengths, and specifying the streets, roads or ways where situated; and 6th, an itemized list of all tools, apparatus, appliances and supplies used or usable in supplying water.

If the company fails or refuses to file the required information, as aforesald, within said 30-day period, a Justice of the Superior Court, on complaint by the district, shall order the company to file such information and shall make such decree as he deems reasonable and appropriate to enforce said order.

In the event that the Penobscot County Water Company doesns Itself aggreed by the district's determination of just compensation and tender thereof, as aforesaid, it may appeal to the Superior Court for Penobscot County within 30 days after the date of the receipt of the Notice of Condemnation and Taking and the tendered compensation. Such appeal shall be taken by filing a complaint setting forth substantially the facts upon which the appeal is based. The Penobscot County Water Company shall serve notice of such appeal upon the district by sending, by registered or certified mail within the time above limited, a true copy of said complaint to the district.

The court shall appoint 3 referees who shall determine the amount of just compensation. One of the referees so appointed shall be learned in the law. The referees shall prepare a report which includes findings of fact and conclusions of law. The order of reference shall reserve to the parties the right to object to the acceptance of the referees' report on both findings of facts and conclusions of law, except that the court shall adopt the referees' findings of fact, unless clearly erroneous. The court, after hearing, may adopt the report or may modify it or may reject it in whole or in part or may receive further evidence or may recommit it with instructions.

If the Penobscot County Water Company has cashed the check tendered to it by the district and the final judgment is less than the amount of the tendered check, then the court shall order the Penobscot County Water Company to pay to the district the excess of the compensation tendered by the district, including interest on the excess at the legal rate from the date of tender, and to pay costs from the time of appeal. Execution shall issue on such judgment,

If the final judgment, exclusive of interest, is not less than the compensation tendered by the district, exclusive of any interest allowed, then the court shall order the district to pay to the Penobscot County Water Company the amount by which the final judgment is in excess of the compensation tendered by the district, and for interest on such excess from the date of taking, at the legal rate, and to pay costs from the time of appeal. No interest shall be allowed to the Penobscot County Water Company on any amount paid or tendered to it by the district. Execution shall Issue on such Judgment.

If a condemnation proceeding is instituted in accordance with this section, the proceeding shall not be discontinued except upon the consent of both parties.

Sec. 13. Property tax exempt. The property of said district shall be exempt from all taxation in the Towns of Orono and Veazle and in any other towns where any part of its plant may be located.

Sec. 14. Water rates. All individuals, firms and corporations, whether private, public or municipal, shall pay to the treasurer of said district the rates established by said board of trustees for the water used by them; and the rates for water so supplied shall be unflorm within the territory supplied by the district whenever the installation and maintenance of mains and the cost of service is substantially uniform, but nothing in this Act shall preclude sald district from establishing higher rates than the regular rates in sections where for any reason the cost of construction and maintenance or the cost of service exceeds the average, but such higher rates shall be uniform throughout the sections where they apply. Said rates shall be so established as to provide revenue for the following purposes:

- To pay the current expenses for operating and maintaining the water
- To provide for the payment of the interest on the indebtedness created or assumed by the district.
- 3. To provide each year a sum equal to not less than 1% nor more than 5% of the entire indebtedness created or assumed by the district, which sum shall be turned into a sinking fund and there kept to provide for the extinguishment of such indebtedness. The money set aside for the sluking fund shall be devoted to the retirement of the obligations of the district or invested in such securities as savings banks are allowed to hold.

 4. If any surplus remains at the end of the year, it may be transferred to
- the sinking fund.
- Soc. 15. Incidental rights and privileges. All incidental rights, powers and privileges necessary to the accomplishment of the main object herein set forth are granted to the municipal corporation hereby created.
- Sec. 16. Acceptance subject to referendum. Unless accepted and approved by a majority vote of the legal voters within said proposed water district voting at an election called and field for the purpose by the municipal officers of the Towns of Orono and Veazle, on the and Tuesday of June, 1976, this Act shall forthwith become inoperative. The registrars of voters in Orono and Venzie shall be in session the 3 secular days next proceding said election for the purpose of revising the voting lists. The subject matter of this Act shall be reduced to the following question: "Shall 'An Act Concerning the Charter of the Orono-Veazie Water District,' passed by the 107th Legislature, be accepted?" The voters shall indicate by a cross or check mark placed against the words "Yes" or "No" their opinion of the same. The result shall be declared by the municipal officers of each town and due certificates thereof filed by the town clerks with the Secretary of State. This Act shall take effect for all the purposes thereof immediately upon its acceptance by a majority of the legal voters in both Orono and Veazie voting at said election; provided that the total number of votes cast for and against the acceptance of this Act in each of said towns equals or exceeds 20% of the total vote for all candidates for Governor in said towns at the next provious gubernatorial election; but fallure of approval by the necessary percentages of voters at any such election in either or both of said towns shall not prevent

a subsequent election or elections to be held for said purpose within the time limitation of section 18.

In the event the emergency preamble to this Act is not enacted, then and in such event the election as hereinabove set forth shall be called and held on the first Tuesday of November, 1976, in accordance with all of the other provisions of this section.

· Sec. 17. Existing statutes not affected; rights conferred subject to provisions of law. Nothing herein contained is intended to repeal, or shall be construed as repealing, the whole or any part of any existing statute and all the rights and duties herein mentioned shall be exercised and performed in accordance with all the applicable provisions of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35, and all acts amendatory thereof or additional thereto.

Sec. 18. Certain sections inoperative on failure to acquire Penobscot County Water Company plant. If said water district shall fail to purchase the plant, property, franchises, rights and privileges owned by the Penobscot County Water Company and used or usable in supplying water to the Towns of Orono and Veazle or shall fail to file a petition before November 1, 1977, to exercise its right of eminent domain as in this Act provided, for the acquisition of said plant, property, franchises, rights and privileges owned by the Penobscot County Water Company and used or usable in supplying water to the Towns of Orono and Veazle, then this Act shall be inoperative, null and void.

Sec. 19. Costs and expenses of taking directed by court. All costs and expenses incurred by the District in the acquisition or in the taking of the property of the Penobscot County Water Company arising under the provisions of this Act shall be paid and borne as directed by the court in the final decree provided in section 12.

Sec. 20. Prior act of incorporation void on effective date. Upon the effective date of this Act, the Orono-Veazle Water District created by P.&S.L., 1971, c. 67, is declared to be inoperative, null and void.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

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Hello Mark and Tammy! I wanted to alert you to an upcoming discussion of the current state of affairs at the water district by the Orono town council. I have attached the agenda for their Oct 20 meeting - the water district is Item 10 (on page 8).

Also included in this attachments is a copy of the letter/petition to the council, a list of the residents who had signed the petition by Thursday at 6 pm, and a copy of the OVWD charter. I believe the petition is still in circulation in Veazie and will be presented to our council at a later date. In the mean time, I wanted to be sure you are aware of discussion and growing dissatisfaction with the district in Orono.

In addition, if the town of Orono is considering a municipal takeover of the district,

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This message has been forwarded to you by Joan Perkins, Veazie resident and one of 2 trustees representing Veazie on the Orono-Veazie Water District board.

Here is our chance for real change in Orono and Veazie's water!!

We just need your signature before Saturday at 5 p.m.

After our informational meeting on October 5th, where Dr. Jean MacRae gave her talk on two of the unhealthy chemical compounds in our water, THMs and HAAs, our communities have been energized and ready to demand not only improved water quality but also improved management of our Water District. Now is your chance to act on that energy.

Our citizens action group has written a letter, which we will deliver to the Town Councils of Orono and Veazie, asking for their help in making substantive change.

Now we need your signature and the signatures of five of your neighbors who have yet to hear about our efforts to improve Orono and Veazie's water. Follow this link to read the letter and to add your signature digitally:

http://oronoveaziewater.wordpress.com/sign/

We will send the letter with all signatures collected before **Saturday afternoon at 5 p.m.** to the town manager and the town councilors in Veazie. (Update: The letter was delivered to the Orono Town Council and town manager yesterday evening at their regular meeting.)

After you have signed the letter online, please invite five of your neighbors to read the letter and to consider signing it.

Thanks for your efforts.

Katie Quirk | Author Katie Quirk

Upcoming meetings of interest:

Monday Oct. 27 @ 6:30 pm in Veazie's council chambers - Veazie Town Council Monday Nov. 3 @ 5:30 pm in Orono's council chambers - Community Development Committee meeting to discuss the water district and the citizens' letter delivered to the council on Oct 20th.

Wednesday Nov. 5 @ 7 pm in Orono's council chambers - Orono-Veazie Water District Board of Trustees

Sign the letter!

Add your name the <u>Citizens' Letter</u> to the Orono and Veazie Town Councils! The letter calls for better water quality and better water management for Orono, Veazie, and UMaine. The letter will be presented to both the Orono and Veazie Town Councils, and both towns must coordinate to make lasting change possible for Orono, Veazie or UMaine. So your signature counts if you live in Orono, Veazie, or live or work at UMaine. <u>You are also welcome to join our email list!</u>

Sign the letter to the Orono and Veazie Town Councils to demand action on our water!



Citizens' Letter to the Town Councils of Orono and Veazie Concerning Our Need for Improved Water Quality and Improved Management of Our Water District

October 10th, 2014

Dear Orono and Veazie Town Councils,

In the last year a <u>citizens' action group</u> has been formed to advocate for improved water quality in Orono and Veazie. Our efforts stem from two concerns: first, the fact that for the last decade, the water provided to us by the Orono Veazie Water District (OVWD) has repeatedly registered above EPA limits for certain chemical compounds, some of which are known carcinogens; and second, the OVWD and members of its board have failed to communicate with the public and to develop a comprehensive plan to substantially improve the quality of our water. We seek to be courteous and constructive in our feedback, but to date none of our efforts have resulted in substantive change. As a result, we see a clear need to move to the next level in our efforts, and we are asking you for your support as the entities that appoint the OVWD board members and represent us, its stakeholders.

The Science Behind Our Unhealthy Water

On October 5th of this year, our citizens action group held an informational meeting. Over seventy members of the public attended. Doctor Jean MacRae, associate professor of environmental engineering at the University of Maine, gave a talk entitled "Disinfection Byproducts (THM)." Dr. MacRae explained the formation of trihalomethanes (THMs) and haloacetic acid (HAA) in our water, their impact on human health at current concentrations, and detailed options for remediation, both in homes and at the District level. We were particularly concerned to learn that people of low body weight, namely young children, are at higher risk of suffering adverse health effects due to these chemical byproducts of chlorination. Please see the technical appendix at the end of this letter for further information and a report by Dr. MacRae.

The Need for Improved Management and Planning

Though we are seriously concerned about our water's high levels of unhealthy chemical compounds, we are equally concerned with the OVWD's failures of management. These include failures to communicate with the public and to develop a comprehensive plan for improved water quality.

As water users and stakeholders, we expect but have *not* witnessed the following from the OVWD and its board of trustees¹:

- 1. A current² and publicly-available comprehensive water management plan, including plans to reduce our water's levels of chlorine byproducts to those of surrounding towns³, not simply to levels that barely pass EPA health limits.
- 2. Board meeting agendas and minutes that acknowledge water quality challenges and reflect efforts at remediation.⁴
- 3. Concerted and ongoing efforts to communicate and engage with the District's stakeholders, the public.⁵
- 4. An understanding and respect for the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).⁶

Our position is that the OVWD and a majority of its board suffer from systemic management problems that prevent critical progress and solutions and insulate them from public concern.

What We Need from the Orono and Veazie Town Councils

We share with you a desire to communicate with the OVWD in a constructive and courteous manner. Unfortunately, it appears that courtesy and cooperation on our part will simply lead to another decade of unhealthy water, no comprehensive plan, and more dismissal of public concerns. This is unacceptable. As a result, we request that the Town Councils of Orono and Veazie consider the following:

- Invite the OVWD superintendent and board members who disagree with the four community expectations stated above to resign.
- Require public vetting for all new appointments and reappointments of Water District board members. The review committee could include a voting member of the public sitting at the table with the Town Council.
- Pursue a change in the OVWD charter to implement direct municipal oversight or board member elections to ensure management responsiveness to public concerns. We

EPA levels for THMs.

¹ Please note that some board members *have* made efforts to improve communication with the public and to make long-range plans, in spite of discouragement from their peers.

² In response to questions about the lack of a comprehensive plan, the District has cited a plan drafted in the 1970s, in spite of the fact that they are unable to find it.

³ In 2013, Bangor and Brewer had THM levels averaging 40 times lower than Orono and Veazie's and Old Town had levels averaging six times lower.

⁴ The September board meeting agenda contained no mention of water quality, in spite of recent test results for HAA5, which were in violation of EPA health limits.

⁵ Examples of poor communication are countless, but here are a few. (a) The OVWD board declined an invitation from the Veazie Town Council to meet with them publicly in September. (b) In line with several board members' hostility toward public engagement, the chair commented at their September meeting that public comment is tolerated, but not guaranteed. (c) As with much of their overdue online communication, even one day before the OVWD's October board meeting, their website listed only the previous meeting.
⁶ In direct violation of the FOIA, the OVWD has cited the need for confidentiality around land purchases as their reason for not making either their long-range remediation plans available or the report written for them by the engineering consulting group, Wright Pierce, whom they were required by law to hire after violating

- understand that several towns in Maine have recently and successfully adopted this approach.
- Insist that the OVWD and its board establish a process by the end of the calendar year for developing a comprehensive plan that:
 - Is formed by a committee, which includes public stakeholder representation.
 - Reflects a thorough investigation of options available to us, such as:
 - a review of the District's current water-quality testing methodology relative to flushing, temperature and location within the system.
 - a complete exploration of alternatives for remediation, possibly including quotes and relative certainty of effect.
 - Includes a section describing a process for transparent and thorough financial reporting and public communication.
 - Aims to provide water containing chlorine byproducts at concentrations comparable to those of neighboring towns with superior water quality within a few years.

We request a response on these issues from you, our town councils, within a month. We also request, within that same time period, that these issues appear on the agenda for a future community development meeting. Thank you for your time and consideration of this important matter. We look forward to working with you and supporting you in your efforts to improve our towns' water quality and the management of our Water District. Please let us know how we can be of assistance.

Sincerely.

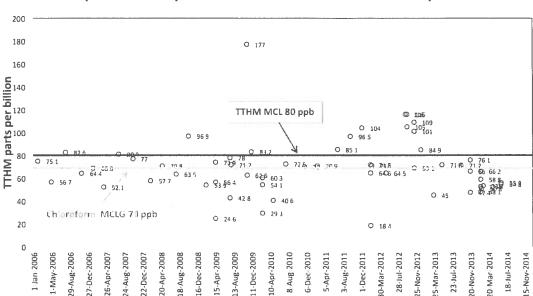
The Orono-Veazie-Water Citizens Action Group (oronoveaziewater.wordpress.com)

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TECHNICAL APPENDIX

<u>Trihalomethanes</u> (THMs) and <u>haloacetic acids</u> (HAAs) are carcinogenic chlorinated organic compounds that are produced when drinking water containing organic matter is chlorinated. Since monitoring began in 2004, Orono's water has had an average of 69 ppb total THM, and 28% of samples measured concentrations above the 80 ppb limit. Monitoring for HAAs began this year. Of seven samples taken so far for compliance testing, one was above the 60 ppb limit (40 ppb average). Exposure estimates were calculated for THMs and HAAs and compared to "reference doses" (the maximum dose that is not expected to cause negative health effects over a lifetime of exposure). These estimates ranged from 22% – 57% of the reference dose, with toddlers receiving the highest dose.



Compliance History of TTHM level in Orono-Veazie municipal water

Formation of THMs and HAAs depends on the concentration of organic matter in the water, the concentration of chlorine, the length of time they are allowed to react, and the temperature. THMs and HAAs can be minimized in tap water by:

- using source water that is lower in organic matter
- limiting or eliminating chlorination of the water prior to removal of some of the organic matter
- reducing the chlorine concentration in the distribution system
- reducing the residence time of water in the distribution system
- removing THMs and HAAs after formation (at the plant or in water storage tanks)

Some operational changes have been made by the Orono-Veazie Water District to reduce THMs but several other measures could be taken. A long-term plan should be made to assess the costs and benefits of several options and to upgrade the system to improve the quality of

water provided to residents over time. For more information, please see my full report at https://oronoveaziewater.files.wordpress.com/2014/07/thm-formation1.pdf.

Meeting of the Orono-Veazie Water District Trustee Held at the Veazie Council Chambers on September 9, 2014 Meeting #430 called to order at 7:00 p.m. Present: Chairman McCormack, Trustee Smith, Trustee Borneman, Trustee Bolton, Trustee Perkins, Supt. Cross and members of the public Minutes of meeting #429 approved as written, (Trustee Perkins voted no, Trustee Bolten abstained, others voted yes). Item 1. A true list of water service assessments for July & August in the amount of \$ 193,146.32 July and \$ 67,512.94 for August was committed to Dennis Cross, Treasure by vote of Trustees. Trustee Perkins voted no, Trustee Bolten abstained, others voted yes. Item 2. Trustees reviewed Income & Expense Statements for July and August. Item 3. New Business: Regarding an 8 x 12 building for our pump at Godfrey Drive, Trustees voted to authorize Dennis to proceed jointly with the Old Town Water District. Costs of \$16 to \$18 thousand dollars will be split 50/50 with Old Town. Trustee Perkins abstained, others voted approval. Item 4. Public Comments: General discussion with members of the public. People offered ideas/comments on operations of the District. The Trustees appreciate these suggestions and will take them under advisement. Item 5. Trustee Perkins requested the Trustees and Dennis have discussions about the following: Costs to aerate stand pipes, financial details of the District, purchasing policies, accounting practices, audits, and others. Item 6. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m. Item 7. The next meeting will be held at Orono Council Chambers at 7:00 p.m. on October 14, 2014. Respectfully submitted John McCormack

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Orono Veazie Water District Income and Expense Statement For the Nine Months Ending September 30, 2014

	Commentations				
	Current Month This Year	Current Month	Year to Date	Year to Date	
Operating Income	ins iear	Last Year	This Year	Last Year	
Metered Sales - res	37,364.41	20 022 21	200 000 40		
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Metered sales-govt	19,234.37	19,327.95	32,749.34	30,436.36	
Public Fire Protection	312.09	-	183,749.68	183,851.86	
Private Fire Protection	0.00	0.00 0.00	296,456.27	296,118.18	
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Interest Income	1,905.16	598.61	(848.91)	(432.32)	
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Total Operating Income	69,711.64	71,312.63	1,000,785.50	1,018,758.72	
Operating Expenses					
Salaries	20,933.54	27,667.77	301,646.76	315,632.39	
Benefits	11,696.89	11,491.90	121,797.32	112,227.09	
Water Purchased	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Power Purchased	6,098.21	7,474.61	68,562.62	72,530.46	
Chemicals YWW	2,003.48	2,281.62	38,940.65	43,106.11	
Materials/Supplies 5	1,030.36	2,834.02	56,843.56	43,684.85	
Contractual Services	12,686.88	11,586.69	120,278.38	170,984.75	
Transportation	0.00	920.52	8,423.00	9,925.06	
Insurance	0.00	587.50	25,030.71	22,508.25	
Debt Service Principal Interest Expense	6,106.35	5,917.90	54,982.46	52,566.71	
Uncollectible Revenues 100 100	3,893.65	4,082.10	35,085.21	37,433.29	
Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
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Penobscot County Memo

Date: October 20, 2014

To: Municipal Officials

Cc: File

From: Bill Collins, Penobscot County Administrator

RE: 2014 Caucus

Enclosed is the notice for the Penobscot County District Caucus which will be held on Thursday, October 23, 2014 at 6:00 pm. If you would like to have a selectmen or councilor elected to serve on this year's budget committee please encourage them to attend the caucus.

Two members are elected from each District while two members are appointed from each District to serve on the Budget Committee. If you would like your municipality to have the opportunity to be represented in this and next year's budget please have one of your elected officials attend.

The Penobscot County Budget Committee is currently scheduled to convene on November 12th. Thank you for your consideration of serving on the Penobscot County Budget Committee.

Bill Collins, Administrator on behalf of the Penobscot County Commissioners

WJC/Commissioners File

PENOBSCOT COUNTY

Incorporated: 1816
County Seat: Bangor
Area: 3,396 square miles
2010 Population: 153,923
Population Density: 43.34/mi2

Municipalities by District

- Bangor, Brewer, Clifton, Eddington, Holden and Veazie
- 2 Carmel, Charleston, Corinna, Corinth, Dexter, Dixmont, Etna, Exeter, Garland, Glenburn, Hampden, Hermon, Hudson, Kenduskeag, Levant, Newburgh, Newport, Orrington, Plymouth, and Stetson
- Alton, Argyle Township, Bradford, Bradley, Burlington, Carroll, Chester, Drew, East Central Penobscot Township, East Millinocket, Edinburg, Enfield, Greenbush, Howland, Kingman Township, Lagrange, Lakeville, Lee, Lincoln, Lowell, Mattawamkeag, Maxfield, Medway, Milford, Millinocket, Mount Chase, North Penobscot Township, Old Town, Orono, Passadumkeag, Patten, Penobscot Indian Island, Prentiss, Seboeis, Springfield, Stacyville, Twombly Ridge Township, Webster, Whitney (Pukakon) Township, Winn, and Woodville

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TO: Maine Academic Institutions and Public Schools

FROM: Andrea West, International Admissions Counselor/ Culturefest Coordinator

RE: Culturefest 2014

The University of Maine is pleased to extend an invitation to Maine public schools and academic institutions for Culturefest 2014. Culturefest, now in its 28th year, has become a University of Maine tradition that celebrates the cultural diversity represented on our campus and promotes cross-cultural understanding.

Culturefest 2014 is scheduled to be held on November 8, 2014, from 11:00 am to 3:30pm in the New Balance Student Recreation Center at the University of Maine.

During the day, there will be exhibits, food for sale, a style show, children's activities, and other events that will allow international and multicultural students and other members of our campus community to showcase their culture. This year, we are excited to have our academic colleges participate in Culturefest. Attendees can expect to see highlights of the internationalization efforts of our academic colleges under the theme, *University of Maine: Your Connection to the World*.

Culturefest is always a fun and energizing experience for participants and attendees. Culturefest attendees have long included students, faculty, and staff from area schools and institutions. The event is free and open to the public, so we hope you can join the over 1,500 members of our campus and surrounding communities for the 28th annual Culturefest.

If you have questions or need additional information, please call the Office of International Programs at 581-3437, or visit our website: http://www.umaine.edu/international

We look forward to seeing you on November 8.



2014 International Culturefest

Saturday, November 8 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m. New Balance Student **Recreation Center University of Maine**

enjoy food, country/cultural exhibits, music, children's activities, style-show and cultural performances from around the world.

For more information call 207.581.343

Free Admission

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Fri, Oct 24, 2014 8:07 AM

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From: Veazieme_news [mailto:veazieme_news-bounces@mm.windigicert.com] On Behalf Of News &

Announcements

Sent: Thursday, October 23, 2014 12:41 PM **To:** <u>veazieme_news@mm.windigicert.com</u>

Subject: Morning Walks at the Veazie School Gyn

Starting on Monday, October 27th the Veazie Community School Gym will be opened Monday thru Friday from 6:45am to 7:30am for walking.

This will be limited to adults only. It will not be opened on Holidays or during school vacations.

Please wear appropriate shoes, to not damage the gym floor.

JULIE STROUT DEPUTY CLERK TOWN OF VEAZIE 1084 MAIN ST VEAZIE ME 04401 207-947-2781

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Message

Fri, Oct 24, 2014 11:06 AM

From:

Scott Adkins <sadkins@penobscot-county.net>

To:

Mark Leonard

Subject:

THANK YOU!!!

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Good morning, Veazie!!! Your 2014 Penobscot County tax payment of \$ 284,749.05, check # 22403, was rec'd by my office. On behalf of the County Commissioners, Treasurer Daniel Tremble & Administrator Collins; I wish to THANK the citizens of Veazie for their prompt payment as well as you and your staff for all of the work a municipality performs.

Should you have any budgetary / financial questions, please feel free to contact me.

THX Scott

Scott A. Adkins

Finance Director Penobscot County 97 Hammond Street Bangor, ME 04401 207-942-8535 x 2201

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