



Veazie Town Council

Special Meeting

March 30, 2015

AGENDA

6:00pm

- ITEM 1:** Call to Order
- ITEM 2:** Secretary to do the Roll Call
- ITEM 3:** Executive Session – 1 MRSA (405) 6A – Personnel Matter
- ITEM 4:** Adjournment

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Karen Walker
1002 Mutton Ln
947-0458

David King
1081 Main St
942-2376

Agenda Items For March 30, 2015 Special Meeting

ITEM 3: The Council will go into executive session to finalize the Manager's yearly evaluation. This is a continuance of the March 16, 2015 meeting.



Veazie Town Council

Regular Meeting

March 30, 2015

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 March 16th, 2015 Council Meeting Minutes.
- ITEM 6:** Comments from the Public

New Business:

- ITEM 7:** Discussion with County Commissioner Peter Baldacci
- ITEM 8:** Discussion with Senator James Dill
- ITEM 9:** Issuance of Construction Over Limit Permit

Old Business:

- ITEM 10:** Community Center Discussion
- ITEM 11:** Manager's Report
- ITEM 12:** Comments from the Public
- ITEM 13:** Requests for information and Town Council Comments
- ITEM 14:** Review & Sign of AP Town Warrant #18 and Town Payroll #19, School Payroll Warrant #20 and AP School Warrant #20.
- ITEM 15:** Adjournment

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Agenda Items

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ITEM 7: Commissioner Peter Baldacci is the Town of Veazie's Representative with the Penobscot County Commissioners and will be with us tonight to provide an update on Penobscot County.

ITEM 8: Senator James Dill will be attendance to have a discussion with the Council on issues that may concern the Town of Veazie and the State of Maine

ITEM 9: In preparation of the paving project of State Street in Veazie the State of Maine is requesting that the Town of Veazie agree to issue a permit to the MDOT Contractor for transporting construction equipment that exceed legal weight limits, over municipal roads. It is staff recommendation that the permit be granted with the following suggested motion:

Pursuant to 29-A MRSA section 2382, the Veazie Town Council agrees that a construction over limit permit will be issued to the Contractor reference State of Maine project number STP-2037 (400).

If motion is successful the agreement will need to be signed by the members of the Council

ITEM 10: This is a continuance of a discussion that was most recently had at the March 16 2015 Council meeting. Council had requested an updated figure on the TIF account. The current amount is \$406,798.79. A request was made to provide a map showing the TIF district. This will be available for review.

Veazie Town Special Council Meeting
March 16th, 2015

Members Present: Chairman Tammy Perry, Councilor Robert Rice, Councilor Chris Bagley, Councilor Karen Walker, Councilor David King, Manager Mark Leonard and Secretary Julie Strout.

Members Absent:
None

ITEM 1: Call to order
Chairman Tammy Perry called the meeting to order at 6:02pm.

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

ITEM 3: Executive Session – 1 MRSA (405)6A – Personnel Matter
Councilor Karen Walker made a motion to enter into Executive Session – 1 MRSA (405)6A at 6:03pm, seconded by Councilor David King. Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried.
Councilor David King made a motion to exit Executive Session – 1 MRSA (405)6A at 6:34pm, seconded by Councilor Karen Walker. Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried.

ITEM 4: Adjournment
Councilor Robert Rice motioned to adjourn
Councilor David King seconded. No discussion. Voted 5-0-0
Motion carried.
Adjourned at 6:35pm

A True Copy Attest

Julie Strout
Deputy Clerk

Veazie Town Council Meeting
March 16th, 2015

Members Present: Chairman Tammy Perry, Councilor Robert Rice, Councilor Chris Bagley, Councilor Karen Walker, Councilor David King, Manager Mark Leonard, Secretary Julie Strout, Community Center Redevelopment Committee Chair Don MacKay and various members of the public.

Members Absent:
None

ITEM 1: Call to order
Chairman Tammy Perry called the meeting to order at 6:36pm.

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

ITEM 3: Pledge of Allegiance

ITEM 4: Consideration of the Agenda
Add 7A as Planning Board Appointment and 7B as an Economic Development Appointment

ITEM 5: Approval of the February 9th, 2015 Council Meeting Minutes
Councilor Robert Rice made a motion, seconded by Councilor David King to accept the February 23rd, 2015 Council Meeting Minutes as written. Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried.

ITEM 6: Comments from the public
None

New Business:

ITEM 7: Planning Board Appointment – Don MacKay
Councilor Robert Rice made a motion, seconded by Councilor Chris Bagley to appoint Don MacKay to the Planning Board. Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried.

ITEM 7A: Planning Board Appointment – Andrew Brown
Councilor Karen Walker made a motion, seconded by Councilor David King to appoint Andrew Brown to the Planning Board. Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried.
Councilor Karen Walker made a motion, seconded by Councilor Robert Rice to allow Andrew Brown to serve in a dual capacity on the Conservation Commission and Planning Board Committees. Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried.

ITEM 7B: Economic Development Committee Appointment – Erik Espling
Councilor Robert Rice made a motion, seconded by Councilor David King to appoint Erik Espling to the Economic Development Committee. Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried.

ITEM 8: Community Center Redevelopment Committee Update

Mr. MacKay updated the Council on the committee's plan for the Community Center. The committee feels that they could get people into the building with an extra \$50,000 which would cover sprinklers, bringing the bathrooms and entrance doors up to ADA standards. They have been working with Jason Byrd to help with grants. Always looking for ways to help raise money for the building. Asked to use the TIF funds. The committee felt it would cost too much to build a new building. Discussion tabled for a future meeting.

Old Business:**ITEM 9: Community Center Discussion**

The Council discussed their plans with the Community Center. They received more input from the Committee and Glen Kennedy. The Council would like Manager Leonard to find out how much is available in the TIF. Discussion tabled for a future meeting.

ITEM 10: Mutton Lane Discussion

Councilor Robert Rice made a motion, seconded by Councilor Chris Bagley to authorize Manager Leonard and Barney Silver to get an estimate to grade Mutton Lane and present it at a future meeting. Voted 4-0-1. Motion carried. Councilor Walker abstained. Discussion tabled for a future meeting.

ITEM 11: Manager's Report

Manager Leonard reviewed his report with the Councilor's. The May Council Meetings have been changed to May 11th and May 26th.

ITEM 12: Comments from the Public

None

ITEM 13: Requests for information and Town Council Comments

Councilor Walker brought up providing the plow crew with a thank you card or provide a lunch for them for all of their hard work this winter.

ITEM 14: Review & sign of AP Town Warrant #17 and Town Payroll #18 School Payroll Warrant #18 & #19 and AP School Warrant #18 & #19.

The warrants were circulated and signed.

ITEM 15: Adjournment

Councilor David King motioned to adjourn
Councilor Karen Walker seconded. No discussion. Voted 5-0-0
Motion carried.
Adjourned at 7:55pm

A True Copy Attest

Julie Strout
Deputy Clerk



Paul R. LePage
GOVERNOR

STATE OF MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
16 STATE HOUSE STATION
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ITEM # 9

David Bernhardt
COMMISSIONER

Mark Leonard, Town Manager
Town of Veazie
1084 Main Street
Veazie, ME 04401-7091

3/10/15

Subject: Hot Mix Asphalt Overlay
Project No.: STP-2037(400)
Towns of Veazie and Orono

Dear Mr. Leonard:

The Maine Department of Transportation will soon advertise the subject project for construction, and pursuant to 29-A MRSA § 2382 (7) we have established a "Construction Area". A copy of 29-A § 2382 is enclosed for your information. Also included is an agreement, which requires signature by the municipal officers, and additional background documents.

The agreement stipulates that the municipality will issue a permit for a stated period of time to the MDOT contractor for transporting construction equipment (backhoes, bulldozers, etc.) that exceed legal weight limits, over municipal roads. The agreement acknowledges the municipality's right to require a bond from the contractor to "guarantee suitable repair or payment of damages" per 29-A MRSA.

29-A MRSA § 2382 (7) states that "*the suitability of repairs or the amount of damage is to be determined by the Department of Transportation on state-maintained ways and bridges, otherwise by the municipal officers*". In other words, municipal officers determine the suitability of repairs on municipal ways and bridges.

The State cannot force municipalities to allow overweight vehicles to travel on posted municipal roads. Municipal postings supersede overweight permits. However, the agreement requires municipalities to make reasonable accommodations for overweight vehicles that are operated by contractors and the MDOT in connection with the construction project.

The specific municipal roads involved are not necessarily known at present, as the contractor's plan of operation won't be known until just prior to the start of work. If the municipality plans to require a bond; the amount of the bond should be determined prior to the start of work. If the project number administratively changes, you will be notified, and the agreement modified accordingly. Please return the completed agreement to my attention. Should you have any questions, please contact me at 624-3410.

Sincerely,

George MacDougall,
Contracts & Specifications Engineer
Bureau of Project Development



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Return this AGREEMENT, when completed, to:

Maine Department of Transportation
ATTN.: Mr. George Macdougall, Contracts & Specifications Engineer
#16 State House Station, Child Street
Augusta, Maine 04333-0016

Project No.: STP-2037(400)
Location: Towns of Veazie and Orono

Pursuant to 29-A MRSA § 2382, the undersigned municipal officers of the **Town of Veazie** agree that a construction overlimit permit will be issued to the Contractor for the above-referenced project allowing the contractor to use overweight equipment and loads on municipal ways.

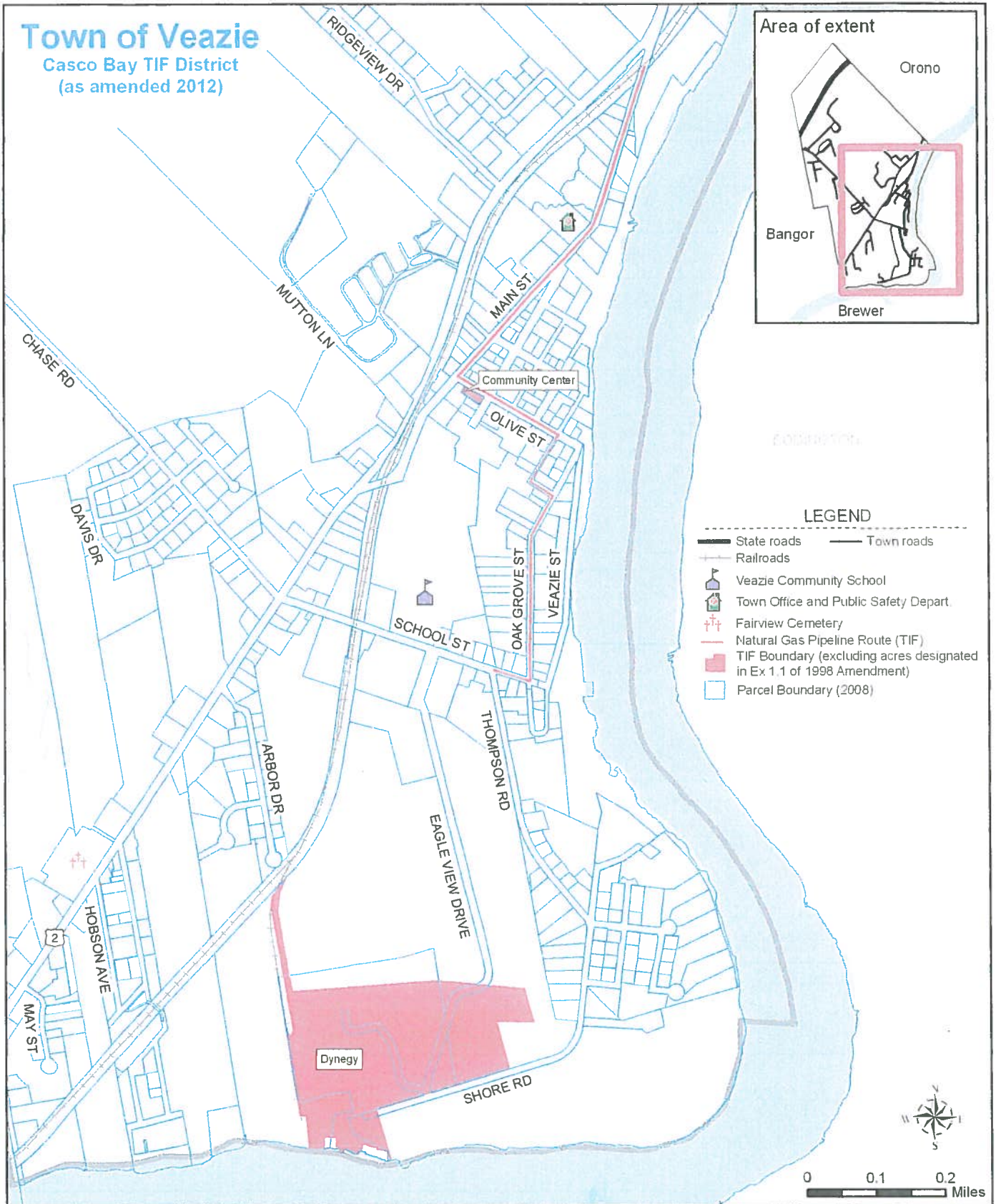
The municipality may require the contractor to obtain a satisfactory bond pursuant to 29-A MRSA § 2388 to cover the cost of any damage that might occur as a result of the overweight loads. If a bond is required, the exact amount of said bond should be determined prior to the use of any municipal way. The Maine DOT will assist in determining the amount of the bond if requested. A suggested format for a general construction overlimit bond is attached. A suggested format for a construction overlimit permit is also attached. This construction overlimit permit does not supersede rules that restrict the use of public ways, such as posting of public ways, pursuant to 29-A MRSA § 2395.

The maximum speed limit for trucks on any municipal way will be 25 mph (40 km per hour) unless a higher speed limit is specifically agreed upon, in writing, by the Municipal Officers.

TOWN OF VEAZIE
By the Municipal Officials

Town of Veazie

Casco Bay TIF District
(as amended 2012)



Map prepared by LatLong Logic, LLC for Eaton Peabody Consulting Group
Source: J.W. Sewall, Town of Veazie, MEGIS and EPCG
Map created: June 2012
Map for reference purposes only, not suitable for site engineering.

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ITEM # 10

Manager's Report For March 30, 2015 Council Meeting

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

I have worked on collecting the additional paperwork reference the community center redevelopment. This information will be presented at the Council meeting for discussion

I participated in the press conference concerning the release of the wandering database. I have included information on this program in the attachments

I travelled to the Maine state Police Bangor Barracks with the 7 grade class from the community school as part of the crime scene investigation class. This was a day long field trip where the children were exposed to multiple different law enforcement specialty demonstrations

I have met with sales representative as I look to update the lighting system both inside and out at the municipal building. This will be accomplished with the assistance from efficiency Maine

Barney Silver, James Gallant, John Larson and I met with Phil Ruck to continue the work on the requirements for the Town's MS4 Permit. These meetings will continue over the next few months so that we are certain we are meeting the requirements.

I met with area law enforcement officers to discuss underage drinking and ways to combat this problem. Several details are scheduled over the next few months as the school year comes to an end.

I met with key local law enforcement and fire officials at the Emergency Management Office to discuss the spending of homeland security monies that have become available from the State of Maine. The monies will be spent on items that will benefit all agencies in the region.

Chairman Perry, Budget Committee Chair Wheeldon and I attended the School committee meeting at the Veazie Community School. The purpose of the meeting was for Supt. Lyons to present the draft budget to the School Committee. He will next present it to the Budget Committee on March 31st.

I communicated with Veazie's State Representatives and have invited them to the March 30th Council Meeting.

Numerous members of the Police Department attended the sendoff ceremony for Chief Don O'Halloran who retired from the City of Old Town after 27 years of service. Prior to going to work for the City of Old Town Chief O'Halloran had retired from the Bangor Police Department.

Over the past few weeks the Council Chambers have seen an increase in use. Scheduling use of the room is done through the Town Office.

Manager's Report For March 30, 2015 Council Meeting

Members of the Fire and Police Department are planning for the "Breakfast with the Badges" event that is going to occur at the school on April 4th between 8AM- 10 AM. The event will be a free breakfast for the community with an Easter egg hunt for children 8 and under.

The members of the Police and Fire Department are also in the planning stages of a Public Safety Day that will be occurring in May. More information will be forthcoming on this event in the coming weeks.

I've met again with Mitch Stone, the new recreation manager for the Town of Orono, so that we can continue to plan for the coming year. Mitch will be attending a future Council meeting to introduce himself and discuss the partnership between Orono and Veazie.

Attachments:

03-17-2015 Newsletter from Peter Lyford

Bangor Daily News article on wandering program

Letter from PRCC Executive Director Labree on wandering program

Agenda from March 24 School Committee meeting

Legislative Bulletin #10

03-25-2015 Newsletter from Peter Lyford

Pamphlet for Breakfast with the Badges event

Legislative Bulletin #11

Fraud Awareness Information written by Allen Stehle

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March 17, 2015 Legislative update from
State Representative Peter A. Lyford

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Spring Flood Potential above Normal as Snow Will Stay for a While

Dramatically deep snows, coupled with a weather pattern that will keep snow and ice in place in the short term, are creating elevated flood potential in the State. According to the [National Weather Service](#), snow depths are dramatically above normal for this time of year in many central and coastal areas.

Snow surveys conducted March 2 and 3 showed snowpack water content ranging from 5 to 8 inches across the State, with the largest amounts (7 to 8 inches) in a swath from the midcoast to downeast coast. These levels put water content in the highest 10% of the last 10 years in this coastal area; in the normal range in the headwaters of the Kennebec, Androscoggin, and Penobscot Rivers; and in the lowest 25% of the last 10 years in the far north.

This pattern, with higher water content along the coast, is the opposite of what is usually seen at this time of year. Accordingly, the potential for small stream and urban flooding is elevated closer to the coast, while the flood potential for mainstem rivers is more in the normal range.

Snow densities are so far low, meaning the snow has the capacity



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to absorb some amount of light rainfall. Snow survey maps are available [here](#).

The National Weather Service noted that for the next two weeks, temperatures will be in the normal range, and some fast-moving systems could bring light precipitation. This will tend to keep the existing snow pack in place, possibly increasing water content slightly. Beyond this period, there is increased potential for warmer temperatures and more precipitation, risk factors for flooding.

River ice is in the normal range in most areas of the State, but expected weather conditions will tend to keep ice in place. The U.S. Coast Guard is working closely with the [U.S. Geological Survey](#), National Weather Service, [MEMA](#) and other operational partners to monitor river ice conditions and plan for continued ice-breaking on the Penobscot and potential breaking on the Kennebec. Along other rivers, areas prone to ice jams will be monitored closely as the spring progresses.

Reservoir storages in the headwaters of Maine's large rivers are being drawn down to prepare for spring rains and runoff. River basin managers report that they are on track to achieve their drawdown targets.

The most important factor influencing flooding is rainfall, but even a normal snowpack adds risk. When water in the snowpack is released suddenly, by rainfall and warm temperatures, runoff amounts are increased dramatically. A rain event along the coast with a high coastal Maine snowpack could cause serious small stream and road flooding.

Significant ice in rivers and streams presents an additional risk that cannot be forecast. Ice can jam, and water behind the jam can rise several feet in just a few minutes. When an ice jam lets go, water levels downstream rise suddenly.

The best case scenario at this time of year is days above freezing and cooler night in order to melt snow and ice gradually. However, with continued cool temperatures over the next two weeks, any melting will likely be minimal. The later that snow and ice persist into the spring, the greater risk they pose.

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To prepare for potential flooding, one should:

- check your flood insurance coverage if your home or business is in a flood-prone area. Most home and business owner's policies do not cover flood damages, and there is 30-day waiting period before a new policy goes into effect;
- if you live or work in a flood-prone area, pay close attention to conditions in the next several weeks. Be aware that any sudden warm-up or significant rainstorm in the late winter and early spring carries the risk of flooding; and
- if you live along a river or stream, watch for signs of ice jams. Signs include ice piling up and appearing to block the channel, coupled with rising water levels behind the jam. Report any suspected ice jams to local officials or the [National Weather Service](#)



Potholes and Other Spring Driving Hazards

Well, the clocks have been set ahead and spring is just days away. It's easy to believe that risky winter driving conditions are nearly over and smooth sailing lies ahead. That's only if you haven't yet experienced the frost heaves and potholes plaguing our roads and highways. These hazards are caused when water gets into cracks in the roadways and then repeatedly freezes and thaws. The main source of that water, other than the rain, is the snow melt and run off. All of these underlying conditions pose unique road conditions and a necessity to adjust our driving skills accordingly.

Fog: A perfect recipe for fog is fluctuating temperatures, standing snowpack, and rainy weather. Be aware that fog can form quickly and vary in its density and coverage. The main thing to do is SLOW DOWN, because your visibility, and therefore reaction time, will be greatly diminished. It is often common to come upon slow moving or stranded vehicles in dense fog. Keep your headlights on low and use your four way flashers if necessary.

Standing Water: With the heavy rain and rising temperatures, storm drains can be either filled to capacity or clogged and cause water to pool and sometimes freeze on roadways. Please allow plenty of room between your vehicle and the vehicle ahead of you.

as these hazards are often hard to see and become apparent with very little notice. Standing water can cause vehicles to quickly lose traction and hydroplane out of control, so maintain plenty of space.

To prevent hydroplaning, make sure your tires have adequate tread depth, and while you are at it, make sure your wiper blades are in good working order. Water cannot only be thrown from the vehicle you are following, but it is often thrown with such force from oncoming traffic that it can momentarily blind your vision of the roadway.

Potholes: The best thing you can do to avoid potholes and similar unknown and unsuspected hazards is to SLOW DOWN and leave plenty of room between you and the vehicle in front of you. Watch the flow of traffic and expect vehicles to occasionally veer into your lane of travel. Make mental notes as to where the potholes are on your daily commute. Potholes are often fixed only to deteriorate and reform on the very same day. Use extra caution when approaching puddles, being mindful that a pothole could be underneath. The State and municipalities try to be very diligent about patching potholes and similar problems, but they can only do that if they know about them. A quick call to the appropriate town office or the nearest DOT facility about the location of a pothole could save another driver from suffering a lot of damage or possibly an injury.

Maine Marks 195 Years as an Independent State

On March 15, Maine marked 195 years as one of the United States of America.

The federal notification of Maine's "Act of Admission" into the union is part of the holdings at the Maine State Archives. Congress passed the Act on March 3, 1820, and President James Monroe signed it that same day.

The Act of Admission designates Maine as a "separate and independent state." U.S. Secretary of State John Quincy Adams, who would later be elected president of the United States in 1824, sent the Act to the State of Maine.

Before becoming a state, Maine was a district of the

Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Maine brought pressure to become independent from Massachusetts and sought admission to the United States as a "free" state that rejected slavery. Southern states objected, contending that admitting Maine would upset the political balance between free states and states that allowed slavery. Congress ultimately proposed admitting Maine as a free state and Missouri as a slave state. Although many Maine politicians objected, Congress approved the Missouri Compromise.

The resulting Act of Admission states that, as of March 15, 1820, "the State of Maine is hereby declared to be one of the United States of America, and admitted into the Union on an equal footing with the original states, in all respects whatever."

The full transcript of the Act is available online [here](#).

Historical documents such as the Act of Admission are preserved at the Maine State Archives facility in Augusta. An image of the Act is available on the Archives Web site [here](#) and Facebook page [here](#).

Maine Maple Sunday

On Sunday, March 22, Maine Maple Sunday will take place at over one hundred sugarhouses across the State. This annual event is held every fourth Sunday in the month of March. Participating sugarhouses will be open for visitors to enjoy freshly made maple syrup and candy, demonstrations of syrup production, sugarbush tours, and a variety of other family activities.

Governor Paul R. LePage recently highlighted the start of maple tapping season with Maine Maple Producers on the Blaine House lawn by following an annual tradition -- the tapping of a maple tree. The Governor used the event to highlight the economic contributions of Maine's maple syrup industry and its potential to create even more jobs.

Some sugarhouses will hold events on both Saturday and Sunday. For a list and map of participating sugarhouses, visit the Maine Maple Producers Web site at [here](#).

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Penobscot County creates 'wanderers' database to track residents with mental health issues



Nok-Noi Ricker

Belfast resident Linda Lee, who helped start a wanderers program in Waldo County, is on hand as Penobscot County kicked off its database, which instantly gives law enforcement information about registered wanders with autism, dementia, Alzheimers and other cognitive issues who can leave home without informing their caregivers. *Buy Photo*

By Nok-Noi Ricker, BDN Staff

Posted March 16, 2015, at 12:51 p.m.

BANGOR, Maine — Belfast resident Linda Lee stood before a wall of cameras on Monday at the Penobscot County Sheriff's Office and talked about her 15-year-old son, who is autistic and "an escape artist."

She stood with Sheriff Troy Morton and other area law enforcement officers behind her, as a new county-wide "wanderers" database was launched to track people, like her son, who because of a diagnosed illness or mental health problem can leave home without notifying loved ones.

"He would escape and I would have no idea where he was," Lee said of her son. "When you're involved with a [missing person] situation it's completely stressful."

That stress often means it's hard to answer questions a 911 dispatcher asks, such as what the person looks like, Morton said.

"Sometimes the caregiver is so upset they are not able to provide us with pertinent information," the sheriff said. "This [database] provides us with information and a photo."

And if law enforcement officers encounter an unknown person, the database can be searched, he said.

The new database for those living with autism, dementia, Alzheimer's and mental health or cognitive issues also provides law enforcement with the age, weight, height, caregiver contact information and gives tips about how to interact with the person to calm them, said Chad LeBree, executive director for Penobscot Regional Communications Center.

"It provides more details about triggers and calming techniques" for each individual, LeBree said.

Lee said not using her son's nickname is one "meltdown behavior" that can make him "bolt."

"His real name, for my son, it's a trigger," she said.

Morton said there is no way to know for certain how many people in Penobscot County wandered off during 2014, because of the many ways it could be listed, such as a missing person or mental health issue, but he did say, "It seems to have increased over the past couple of years."

The database, which is completely confidential, also works in reverse, the sheriff added, saying that if a registered caregiver is in an accident, a flag will tell law enforcement that someone needs to check on the person registered.

Lee approached Belfast Police Chief Mike McFadden in early 2014 about creating the database, and the Belfast-area "Wanderers" program started in May with the police departments in Belfast, Searsport and Rockland partnering with the Waldo County Sheriff's Office. Other wanderers databases have been set up in Knox, Lincoln and Somerset counties and another is in the works for Franklin County, Lee said.

Cathy Dionne, director of the Autism Society of Maine, who has a son with autism, said there are more than 400 families in Penobscot County dealing with a child or adult with autism. The new database will go far in providing important information immediately to those searching for the lost or missing person, which is often a key in finding them.

"It really comes down to saving a life," Dionne said.

Those interested in signing up for the Penobscot County wanderers database may do so at the Penobscot Regional Communications Center's website, Penobscotrcc.com.

<http://bangordailynews.com/2015/03/16/news/bangor/penobscot-county-latest-to-create-wanderers-database-to-track-residents-with-mental-health-issues/> printed on March 18, 2015



PENOBSCOT COUNTY
REGIONAL COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

Bill Collins
County Administrator

Chad E. LaBree
Executive Director

Wandering Program

Today Penobscot County Regional Communications Center released a new program called the Wandering Program. This program is designed to be proactive in helping individuals and their families with Autism, Alzheimer's and Dementia. These individuals have the different triggers and calming techniques that can be a benefit to us when trying to locate someone that has wandered off.

I have one person entered into the database already. Margaret McGinley name number 452841. As you can see I have put a notice on her in orange up at the top labeled wandering. I have also imported a picture of Ms. McGinley with a banner at the bottom that this is for the wandering database only. This should be noticed just in case you're doing a photo line-up, in which case they should be removed from the line-up. Under XNAME I have also put her caregiver's information in so that way we have a contact person and it gets cross referenced. The caregiver's information is also located in the comments section at the bottom. Also at the bottom an alert code was added of wanderer. This is a search field if you have to find wanderers in a specific area. Lastly under file you will see two entries. One is the photograph that was provided and the other is the registration form that the family fills out.

Penobscot RCC will take care of each entry to get the database started. If you receive a call or are asked how to sign up you can direct them to www.penobscotrcc.com where they can fill out an on-line form or they can download a form fill it out and email it to wanderer@penobscot-county.net. All photos will have to be emailed to the above email address as well.

Brochures and registration forms will be mailed to your departments soon. If anyone has any further question or would like officer and dispatch training they should contact Chad LaBree at 945-4636 or clabree@penobscot-county.net.

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Commissioners: Tom Davis ~ Peter Baldacci ~ Laura Sanborn

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Telephone (207) 947-6573

TO: Veazie School Committee
FROM: Scott Nichols, Principal
Richard A. Lyons, Superintendent of Schools

DATE: March 24, 2015

SUBJECT: **Special School Committee Meeting - 7:00 p.m.**
Veazie Community School Library

AGENDA

- I. Call of the Roll
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Persons Desiring to Address the Committee
- IV. Presentation of and Discussion of Fiscal Year 2016 School Budget
- V. Adjournment

Tax Committee Drills Down into Governor's Proposed Tax Reform

This week, the highlights of the Taxation Committee's work on the Governor's proposed FY 2016–2017 budget focused on two reports.

One of the those reports, the two-way telecommunications property list (<http://goo.gl/XuFbkH>), provides the data municipal officials have been waiting for in order to calculate the impacts of the Governor's proposal to shift the taxing jurisdiction over two-way telecommunications property (e.g., telephone cables, broadband infrastructure, etc.) from the state to the municipalities.

The second report, the Distributional Analysis of the Governor's Tax Reform and Relief Proposal, prepared by Maine Revenue Services (MRS), provides an overall assessment of how the Governor's tax relief plan will impact Maine resident income, sales and property taxpayers (<http://goo.gl/pZThfp>).

Two-way Telecommunications Property. According to the data provided by MRS, a total of \$480.1 million in two-way telecommunications property is located within the boundaries of 489 municipalities. Although each Maine community has some of this property within its borders, the assessed values of the property range from a high of \$41 million in Portland to a low of \$48 in Mount Chase. Using the municipal mill rates published in the 2014 Municipal Valuation Return Statistical Summary, it is anticipated that municipalities statewide could raise \$8.1 million from the expanded municipal taxing authority. The table found on page 2 shows that 50% of the revenue, \$4 million, would be generated in just 25 of Maine's 492 municipalities.

During discussions, a member of the Committee asked if the Administra-

tion would be inclined to move forward with shifting this taxing authority to the municipal level even if the Legislature rejected the Governor's proposal to repeal the revenue sharing program. According to an Administration spokesperson, since the information the state needs to assess the tax is collected on a community-by-community basis, and taxed at the municipal mill rate, the Governor believes municipalities and not the state, should assess, collect and retain the tax revenue.

Distributional Analysis of Governor's Tax Plan. The "Distributional Analysis" of the Governor's tax plan was of even greater interest to the members of the Committee. That analysis is entirely focused on how the Governor's proposed changes will impact resident income, sales and property taxpayers. Since the incident report is focused on the impacts to resident taxpayers, only about one-half

of the \$2 billion in property taxes currently collected is included in the analysis of the shifting tax burdens.

The MRS report finds that under current law 7.62% of resident income will be spent paying state income, sales and local property taxes in FY 2016. Under the Governor's proposed change, the percentage of income needed to pay the three major taxes next year would be reduced to 7.09%. The report projects that three years out, in FY 2019, that same percent-of-resident-income tax burden would be reduced to 6.95% under the Governor's proposal. If the Governor's tax plan is not enacted, 7.53% of resident income would be needed to pay those three taxes in FY 2019.

Although the overall burden to resident taxpayers would be reduced, the reductions in income tax burden come at the expense
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Committee Supports Bill to Expand Municipal Tax Lien Procedures, Impose Liabilities

On Friday last week, the Insurance and Financial Services Committee voted 11-2 to support an amended version of LD 337, *An Act To Require Lienholders To Remove Liens Once Satisfied*, sponsored by Rep. Richard Campbell (Orrington).

As amended by the Committee, LD 337 would require all liens, including municipal tax liens, to be discharged within 60 days of being satisfied. The amended bill would also require a lien holder municipality, upon discharge of the lien, to formally notify by certified mail all parties who had received notice of the original lien filing. Failure to discharge in a timely fashion or formally notify all

interested parties of the discharge would create a right of action for the taxpayer who paid off the property tax delinquencies to seek damages in court against the municipality and be provided attorney fees if successful.

At the public hearing on LD 337, the sponsor said the need for this legislation was based on an incident where a municipality's failure to discharge the lien impacted an individual's credit rating. In this case, the property owner contacted the municipality, the failure to discharge the lien was immediately discovered, the lien was discharged and apologies issued.

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of the sales and property taxpayers. To illustrate, the MRS report provides data and projections regarding what percentages of Maine's residents' total tax payments will be devoted to each of the three major taxes, under both current law and the Governor's tax plan.

Under the current tax code, in FY 2016 the percentage of resident income used to pay income, sales and property taxes is estimated to be 42%, 27% and 31% respectively.

Under the Governor's proposal, in the same year residents would expend 29% on income taxes, 37% on sales taxes and 34% on property taxes (see chart on page 3).

Municipal officials have good reason to question how the property tax impacts are evaluated in the MRS report, which focuses on calendar year impacts for 2016 (when the Governor's plan first takes effect) and 2019 (when its full impacts are implemented). The report finds that the resident property taxpayer burden will increase by \$24 million in both FY 2016 and FY 2019 under the Governor's proposal.

During the latter half of 2016, the towns and cities will cease receiving municipal revenue sharing under the Governor's plan, and there would be zero revenue sharing distributed to the municipalities in all subsequent years, including 2019. Because the revenue sharing distribution has been a downward moving target over the last 6 years, it is not clear on what assumptions the Distributional Analysis bases its projections, but the choices are to use either the current distribution as a baseline or the amount that Maine law says should be the baseline, or, as may have been the case, not take into account the elimination of revenue sharing at all.

Using the current year as a baseline, the revenue sharing loss to the municipalities in calendar 2016 would be \$31.25 million and the full \$62.5 million in calendar 2019.

Using state law as the baseline, the revenue sharing loss to the municipalities in calendar 2016 would be approximately \$79 million, and the reduction in calendar 2019 would easily exceed \$160 million.

To translate these losses in municipal revenue sharing as a mere \$24 million bump-up in property taxes is hard to

Telecommunications Taxing Authority Revenue Top 25 Communities

		Population	Assess Value Two-way Telco Property	Revenue Two-way Telco Property	Cumulative % of Total Telco Rev
Portland	CUMB	66,194	40,984,223	795,504	10%
Bangor	PENO	33,039	21,812,183	453,693	15%
Lewiston	ANDR	36,592	14,540,343	384,447	20%
Westbrook	CUMB	17,494	15,094,687	259,629	23%
Augusta	KENN	19,136	13,036,795	236,618	26%
Brunswick	CUMB	20,278	7,064,089	187,481	29%
Waterville	KENN	15,722	6,144,840	168,369	31%
South Portland	CUMB	25,002	9,220,910	153,989	33%
Sanford	YORK	20,798	6,836,695	144,938	34%
Manchester	KENN	2,580	9,538,500	142,601	36%
Biddeford	YORK	21,277	7,702,009	135,016	38%
Auburn	ANDR	23,055	5,477,964	111,915	39%
Presque Isle	AROO	9,692	4,437,609	109,609	41%
Rockland	KNOX	7,297	4,726,031	92,252	42%
Ellsworth	HANC	7,741	5,738,098	92,096	43%
Brewer	PENO	9,482	3,042,827	63,656	44%
Scarborough	CUMB	18,919	4,165,586	61,526	44%
Belfast	WALD	6,668	2,855,933	59,403	45%
Windham	CUMB	17,001	3,745,591	54,124	46%
Rumford	OXFO	5,841	2,254,200	54,101	46%
Skowhegan	SOME	8,589	3,237,200	53,090	47%
Orono	PENO	10,362	2,192,302	50,861	48%
Bath	SAGA	8,514	2,532,495	49,738	48%
Yarmouth	CUMB	8,349	2,235,975	49,191	49%
Saco	YORK	18,482	2,608,641	48,469	50%

Source: Maine Revenue Services.

explain. It is apparently the case that in this analysis MRS was using an entirely different model to evaluate property tax impacts. That model simply assumes that property taxes will increase by 3 to 4% without any specific assessment of how the elimination of municipal revenue sharing would also affect property taxpayer burden.

Other Municipal Issues. In addition to discussing the Distributional Analysis

and the two-way telecommunications reports, the Taxation Committee continued to review other elements of the Governor's proposals this week. Descriptions of the Committee's discussion on four municipally significant tax policy issues follow.

BETR to BETE. As proposed in the Governor's budget, over a period of four years the taxable property enrolled in the Business Equipment Tax Reimbursement

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(BETR) would be transferred to the Business Equipment Tax Exemption (BETE) program and made tax exempt. According to the information provided by MRS, the properties enrolled in the BETR program currently generate \$38 million in revenue for communities statewide. As a result, because municipalities are generally reimbursed for just 50% of lost tax revenue associated with newly-created exemptions, approximately one-half of that tax revenue, something less than \$19 million, will be lost to the municipality and shifted to the remaining property taxpayers in the communities where the BETR-enrolled property is located.

Although on its surface the change would appear to impact only those communities with large concentrations of taxable industrial and commercial property, the new exemptions would in a few years begin to impact the distribution of revenue sharing and school subsidy for all municipalities, as well as the county assessments levied in those counties with affected industrial municipalities. Each municipality's tax base translates to its perceived "fiscal capacity" which, in turn, translates into the amount of state aid provided. Communities experiencing above average losses in taxable value due to the BETR-to-BETE conversion would receive additional state aid, pulling that aid away from all others.

The Committee has asked MRS to provide town-by-town impact data.

Homestead Exemption. As proposed by the Governor, effective April 1, 2015, only residents aged 65 and older would be eligible for a Homestead exemption and the value of those exemptions provided would increase to \$20,000, with 50% reimbursed by the state. The Homestead exemption would be taken away from all others. The Committee was generally cool to the idea of providing an exemption to a certain class of property taxpayers based on age. The Committee seems committed to providing the benefit to all Maine resident property taxpayers without age discrimination. If a limited application is desired, the Committee would seem to prefer discrimination on a means-tested basis.

Taxing Certain Nonprofits. Based on an assessment of Committee level discus-

FY 2016 Maine Resident Tax Incidence Burden Analysis Current Burden vs. Governor's Proposal

	Distribution of Resident Tax Payments	
	Current Tax Code	Governor's Proposal
Income Tax	42%	29%
Sales Tax	27%	37%
Resident Property Tax	31%	34%

Source: Maine Revenue Services, March 2015 Incidence Report.

sions, there appears to be little appetite to move forward with the Governor's proposal to apply the property tax to privately owned, tax exempt non-profit corporations. Committee members raised concerns that the mandatory element of the proposal assumes that all entities have the same ability to pay property taxes. In response to the Committee level concerns, a spokesperson for the Administration said that the Governor believes that all entities should contribute toward the cost of providing local services, however he is open to suggestions that would make this proposal more palatable.

Repealing Revenue Sharing. Either due to the lateness of the day or the topic matter, the members of the Taxation Committee were subdued when the Governor's proposal to repeal the revenue sharing program was discussed. Two members of the Committee took the lead in articulating the supporting and opposing arguments.

Rep. Stedman Seavey of Kennebunkport expressed support for the proposal to repeal the revenue sharing program, describing the repeal as sound tax policy. He is concerned that general revenue sharing not only helps resident property taxpayers, but also wealthy second home owners. He believes that decisions over property taxation, particularly the amount of revenue raised to provide desired local level services, should be decided by local legislative bodies.

Rep. Denise Tepler of Topsham expressed opposition to the proposal, relying on her six years of local budget committee experience to make the point. The frustration at the local level is that after accounting for county and school tax assessments, very little is left to fund mandated and locally supported municipal services. The way in which the current assessment system works, the priorities

and interests of the counties and schools are satisfied at the expense of municipal government services. Rep. Tepler believes that the distribution of revenue sharing is the equalizer in the system that ensures that some revenues will be made available to help offset the cost of providing core municipal services, such as snow removal, public safety, trash disposal, etc.

Rep. Adam Goode of Bangor observed that for the first time in his tenure in the Legislature the testimony provided by municipal officials at the revenue sharing public hearing was more evenly divided between urban and rural communities. Although representatives from rural communities have participated in the revenue sharing hearings in the past, he observed, a majority of communities objecting to reductions have represented the state's service center communities. This time around, there was a decided rural focus. When asked to respond to why this might be the case, a spokesperson for the Administration had no ready explanation.

Next Steps. The Taxation Committee has now completed its initial review. It is expected that early next week, the members will convene to take positions on the Governor's proposals and submit its final recommendations to the Appropriations Committee, perhaps by week's end.

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Committee Responsive to Municipal Concerns about Election Bills

Four bills related to the administration of elections have been working their way through the Veterans and Legal Affairs Committee over the last several weeks. Three of the four were finally reported out of Committee on Wednesday this week. All four bills in this set were opposed by MMA's Legislative Policy Committee, primarily on the grounds of mandating new activities and additional costs on the administration of elections without providing any substantial improvements to the elections process. Three of the four bills were opposed by the Maine Town and City Clerks' Association. That the members of the Veterans and Legal Affairs Committee clearly heard the municipal concerns can be ascertained by the way they handled the bills during work session this week. Here's the rundown.

LD 197 and Required Photo I.D. LD 197 would require all voters to show photographic identification to the election clerk before they could vote. Any aspiring voter without a photo i.d. would be given a special, provisional ballot and allowed 3 days to bring the required photographic proof of identity to the election clerk in order to have the provisional ballot converted into a countable ballot. Along with the MTCCA, MMA and the Secretary of State's Office, a number of other advocacy groups opposed the bill at its public hearing, including the American Civil Liberties Union of Maine, Maine Transgender Network, Equality Maine, League of Women Voters, Maine Council on Aging, Maine Womens' Lobby, and an advocacy group for the homeless. The concern of MMA's Legislative Policy Committee was the added administration of elections, longer lines, frustrated voters, the post-election provisional balloting procedures, and all of this to protect us from the potential of fraudulent voting activities by an electorate the municipal personnel – the people who actually conduct the elections – either know perfectly well or, at the very least, are entirely comfortable with.

The Committee's vote on LD 196 was 8-5 "ought not to pass".

LD 413 and Voting Absentee even

when the polls are open. Four years ago the Legislature enacted a bill that made two changes to election law. One change would have limited the voter registration process by eliminating the ability to register to vote on election day and requiring pre-registration at least two days in advance of an election.

The other change placed some limits on voting by absentee ballot on election day and immediately preceding election day for the purpose of relieving the administrative burden on election clerks during the most intensely busy time of their year. The changes prohibited the issuance of absentee ballots during the two business days preceding an election unless the voter can attest to one of four possible good-cause reasons for needing to vote absentee (unexpected absence, physical disability, coastal island travel obstacles, or incapacity or illness).

Shortly after that bill was enacted, a "people's veto" referendum was organized in opposition to the limitations on voter registration. The people's veto measure, however, did not seek to repeal the changes made to the absentee ballot process. Accordingly, when Maine's voters vetoed the law that would do away with election-day voter registration in November 2011, the modest restrictions on absentee voting during and immediately before election day were retained and unaffected by the people's veto.

LD 413, however, would revisit the issue, repeal those changes, and allow voters unrestricted access to the absentee voting process up to the close of the polls on election day. The administrative burden on election clerks that was modestly relaxed by the 2011 law would be placed back upon them by LD 413.

In this case, the American Civil Liberties Union of Maine testified in support of the measure, the Maine League of Women Voters and the Secretary of State's Office testified neither for nor against, and well over a dozen municipal clerks from all corners of the state testified or submitted testimony in opposition to the bill, along with MMA. From the perspective of MMA's Legislative Policy Committee,

the Legislature should not be allowed to simultaneously slash the distribution of municipal revenue sharing (more than \$320 million over the last decade) and simultaneously impose new unfunded state mandates on the local governments.

At the work session on LD 413 this week an amendment was offered that completely replaced the bill with a comparatively modest, one-word amendment to absentee voting law. As mentioned above, one of the good-cause reasons for getting an absentee ballot within the two days before an election is "unexpected absence" during the time the polls will be open. The proposed amendment would simply strike the word "unexpected", thus making any absence from the community during the hours of the election a suitable reason to get an absentee ballot. Because the application for an absentee ballot in these circumstances includes a signed affidavit, it is apparently the case that very truthful people have been known to admit that their absence was not unplanned, so they were self-restricted from signing the application asserting their absence to be "unexpected", and therefore become unable to vote.

The Committee vote on LD 413 was 7-6 "ought to pass as amended", with that slim majority supporting the bill that would strike the single word "unexpected". The six members in the minority voted a straight "ought not to pass".

LD 509. Absentee Ballots' Return Postage Paid. LD 509 requires that the return envelopes for absentee ballots supplied to municipalities by the Secretary of State allow a voter to use the United States Postal Service to return the ballot to the municipal clerk at no cost to the voter. The printed bill further requires the municipalities to cover the cost of the return postage. The stated purpose of the bill was to remove any vestige of barrier that might exist between the polls and an aspiring voter who is unable to vote in person.

The thrust of the testimony presented at the public hearing was in opposition to the bill for the reasons that: (1) the cost

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Bill Designed to Support Waste-to-Energy Facilities

Maine's "solid waste hierarchy" prioritizes minimizing the disposal of solid waste. When waste must be disposed, municipalities have two options: waste-to-energy incineration systems (WTE) and landfilling. The state hierarchy supports the former option over the latter, and for decades subsidies from the federal government helped ensure the viability of Maine's four WTE facilities. The federal subsidy recently expired for two of the three remaining WTE facilities and it is scheduled to expire for the third facility in 2018. The question now is whether the state should pick up the subsidization of some or all of the three facilities, and how.

A bill heard by the Energy, Utilities and Technology Committee on Thursday this week, LD 273, "*An Act To Encourage and Enhance the Future of Waste-to-energy Facilities by Establishing a Portfolio Requirement for Electricity from Waste Energy Resources*," would add WTE-generated electricity to the statutory mix of renewable energy sources in Maine's Renewable Resource Portfolio Requirement, also referred to as the Renewable Portfolio Standard. No matter what you call it, the portfolio obligates electricity providers to purchase at least forty percent of their electricity from renewable sources by 2017.

At its most recent meeting, MMA's Legislative Policy Committee voted to support LD 273, although not unanimously. Policy Committee members saw this bill as positive overall in that it helps ensure WTE will remain viable in Maine. Municipalities by-and-large prefer to have an alternative disposal method to landfilling, and the general sense is that without some form of WTE subsidization, landfilling will become the only waste disposal option with cost consequences.

LD 273 received support at the hearing chiefly from the existing WTE facilities and a few members of the public interested in ensuring WTE remains an option. The legislation was opposed by a wide variety of interests, including the Governor's Energy Office, the Municipal Review Committee or "MRC" (a company representing the 187 municipalities and inter-municipal entities that have contracted with the WTE facility in Orrington), landfill and environmental interests, electricity companies,

and the Public Advocate.

While some opponents specifically targeted the WTE disposal method, the common thread of opposition was the subsidy method proposed in this bill. Opponents shared a strong belief that electricity rates are not the appropriate means of supporting WTE. One opponent argued that solid waste is not a renewable source of energy and therefore would not appropriately fit in the renewable portfolio. Another opponent claimed MMA supported this legislation because "municipalities obviously want someone else to foot the bill."

An additional reason Policy Committee members supported the approach presented by LD 273 is that it ensures the burden of this statewide issue will be shared statewide, at a minimal cost. This electricity subsidy approach seemed much more fair than the approach of increased landfill tipping fees, a proposal submitted to the Legislature in past sessions. That approach was opposed by MMA because it simply took from some municipal solid waste disposal systems to support others.

Yet an increased electricity cost, even if only \$1.44 annually for average ratepayers as reported by one proponent, is still of concern because municipalities would strongly prefer to see electricity costs come down for businesses and consumers. Moreover, some municipal officials believe that certain waste-to-energy facilities may be more deserving of this type of market-based subsidy than others. The energy generation technologies and their efficiencies differ among the facilities, as does the degree to which each facility has invested over time in more modern technologies to manage the waste stream. LD 273 would provide the subsidy without regard to those differences, and this was the source of some objection on our Policy Committee.

Overall, municipalities recognize that subsidizing waste-to-energy facilities through the

purchase of energy is preferable to filling the federal subsidy gap through increased landfill tipping fees. At least some municipal officials believe there may be an even more targeted and fiscally prudent means of providing support for this solid waste management option. Judging by their body language and questioning,

it appears several members of the Energy, Utilities and Technology Committee share that belief. The Committee's position will become more clear at the work session on this legislation, which has not yet been scheduled.

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of return postage for an absentee ballot was not any more of a barrier to voting than physical participation in the process, (2) the absentee voters themselves were not complaining about the cost of return postage, and (3) there is no evidence that paying for the postage would increase voter participation. MMA's testimony, as might be expected, focused on the mandate implications and the costs to the local property taxpayers for footing the bill.

The Committee voted to table LD 509 so that proponents of the bill can explore the rules governing the distribution of absentee ballots by the U.S. Postal Service. There are some that believe those Postal rules may require absentee ballots to be delivered to the polling place regardless of the postage affixed, with all unpaid postage falling due to town receiving the ballots.

LD 626. When do the votes for write-in candidates have to be counted? The last bill in this mix was submitted on behalf of the Maine Town and City Clerks Association by

Senator Garrett Mason (Androscoggin Cty.) and designed to remove burdensome requirements falling on election personnel to substantively review, evaluate and formally count (rather than merely "tally") the votes cast for write-in candidates when it is clear that those votes were inconsequential to the final results. The clerks' bill, LD 626, provides that write in votes would only be fully counted by election personnel in two circumstances: (1) when no named candidate is on the ballot, or (2) when the write-in candidate receives more votes than the named candidate on the ballot.

Despite the good intentions, MMA's Legislative Policy Committee was concerned that the bill could create barriers for write-in candidates. It is not uncommon for municipalities to be scrambling

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at the last minute to find people who are willing to assume a place on an elected board or committee serving the town. It is also not that uncommon for a candidate whose name has been placed on the ballot to decide before the election that he or she will not be able to serve. Under the printed version of LD 626, the counting of any votes for write-in replacements in that case would not be allowed.

With the help of the Secretary of State's Office, the Committee's legal analyst and many election clerks participating in the process, an amended version of LD 626 was quickly developed. The amended version provides municipalities several options with respect to counting votes for write-in candidates. The amended bill would also expressly allow the clerks to disregard votes for fictitious write-ins (e.g., Mickey Mouse), deceased write-ins (e.g., Jimi Hendrix), disqualified celebrity write-ins (e.g., Beyonce), and other clearly disqualified write-in candidates.

For qualified write-in candidates, the amended version of LD 626 would:

- Allow any municipality's legislative body to vote to adopt for election purposes two specific statutory sections of state election law (in Title 21-A). Those sections of law require any write-in candidate to declare to the election clerk his or her interest in being a write-in candidate at least 45 days before the day of election in order to be a viable write-in candidate. This is one way for a town to control the degree election clerks need to manage the write-in ballot counting process.

- For towns not interested in adopting the Title 21-A standards requiring a pre-election declaration of write-in intentions, the amended bill offers an alternative. The bill would make it clear that although all write-in votes would be initially tallied (i.e., a determination of total votes cast for the aggregate of write-in candidates), the express requirement to formally review and record each countable write-in ballot would only kick-in when there is no properly nominated candidate on the ballot, the properly nominated candidate has withdrawn before or during the election, or the votes for the write-in candidate exceed the votes for the properly nominated candidate on the ballot. The bill is not restrictive; it would not prevent election

clerks from fully counting all votes for all write-in candidates if they wished.

After discussion, the Committee gave the amended version of LD 626 a unanimous "ought to pass" report.

Tax Liens (cont'd)

That incident, a simple and uncommon municipal mistake, was the basis of the justification for the bill.

LD 337 should be of significant concern to municipalities. At any given time Maine's municipalities are managing thousands of tax liens. The recorded discharge of a tax lien in the registry of deeds is the longstanding method of publicly notifying all interested parties of the discharge, but LD 337 requires even additional notification and adds another layer of complexity to the tax lien process, which is already extremely detailed. Under this new law, municipalities will now have to formally notify the multiple parties of interest when the lien is first filed, potentially repeat the formal notification as the lien gets close to maturation, and then repeat the formal notification yet again when the discharge is recorded in the

registry of deeds. Although LD 337 was submitted with a focus on the municipal tax lien process, it was neither referred to nor considered by the Taxation Committee. To expose all municipalities to court action for damages and attorney fees for the plaintiff whose property tax delinquencies started the whole lien process in the first place is a little much, especially if the circumstances of municipal mistakes in this area are extremely infrequent.

Municipal officials understand the importance of discharging tax liens in a timely manner. For the thousands upon thousands of tax liens that municipalities manage over the years, instances of failing to discharge in a timely manner rarely occur and can always be immediately rectified with a simple phone call.

LD 337 now has a lopsided vote of support in the Insurance and Financial Services Committee. Municipal officials should contact their legislators and inform them about how rare it is for municipalities to be delinquent in discharging the tax liens under their management, and how exposing the towns and cities to more lawsuits and attorney fees is not a balanced solution.

LEGISLATIVE HEARINGS

Note: You should check your newspapers for Legal Notices as there may be changes in the hearing schedule. For the Legislative Events Calendar, see the Legislature's web site at <http://www.mainelegislature.org/legis/calendar/>. If you wish to look up schedules by Committee, go to <http://www.mainelegislature.org/legis/bills/phwkSched.html>

Monday, March 23

Criminal Justice & Public Safety
Rm. 436, State House, 10:00 a.m.
Tel: 287-1122

LD 549 – Resolve, To Create the Task Force on Disaster Resiliency.

1:00 p.m.

LD 186 – An Act To Reverse Jail Consolidation.

LD 195 – An Act Regarding County jails.

Environment & Natural Resources
Room 216, Cross State Office Building, 9:00 a.m.
Tel: 287-4149

LD 396 – An Act To Encourage the Use of Alternatives to Single-use Plastic Disposable Bags.

LD 659 – Resolve, To Increase Recycling in Maine through Increased Composting and Energy Recovery from Organic Wastes.

LD 680 – An Act To Reduce Waste from Disposable Bags.

LD 712 – An Act To Increase Organic Waste Recycling in the State.

Labor, Commerce, Research & Economic Development
Room 208, Cross State Office Building, 9:30 a.m.
Tel: 287-1331

LD 487 – An Act To Provide for an Increase in the Minimum Wage.

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LD 843 – An Act To Raise the Minimum Wage and Index It to the National Average Wage.

State & Local Government

Room 214, Cross State Office Building, 1:00 p.m.

Tel: 287-1330

LD 564 – An Act To Establish Appropriate Parameters for County Borrowing Authority.

Taxation

Room 127, State House, 10:00 a.m.

Tel: 287-1552

LD 500 – An Act To Support Municipal Volunteers.

LD 514 – An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Location of Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Collection for Motor Vehicles Owned by Public Utilities.

LD 550 – An Act To Adjust the Calculation of Municipal Education Contributions for Communities Faces with Sudden and Sever Property Tax Valuation Reductions.

LD 614 – An Act Regarding the Excise Tax Levied on Used Motor Vehicles.

Tuesday, March 24

Energy, Utilities & Technology

Room 211, Cross State Office Building, 1:00 p.m.

Tel: 287-4143

LD 589 – An Act To Increase the Beneficial Reuse of Waste Materials and To Promote Community-based Renewable Energy.

LD 796 – An Act To Allow a Municipality To Choose Its Power Provider.

LD 797 – An Act To Ensure Reliable Power Supply to Homes and Businesses.

Inland Fisheries & Wildlife

Room 206, Cross State Office Building, 2:00 p.m.

Tel: 287-1338

LD 848 – An Act To Increase the Safety of Hunting.

Judiciary

Room 438, State House, 1:00 p.m.

Tel: 287-1327

LD 25 – An Act To Protect the Privacy of Citizens from Domestic Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Uses.

LD 482 – An Act To Prohibit Flying over Land with Drones without Written Permission from the Landowner.

Wednesday, March 25

Labor, Commerce, Research & Economic Development

Room 208, Cross State Office Building, 1:00 p.m.

Tel: 287-1331

LD 530 – An Act To Improve Public Sector Collective Bargaining Laws.

LD 612 – An Act To Require a Large Employer To Provide a Paper Paystub upon Request from an Employee.

LD 673 – An Act To Help Prevent Age Discrimination.

State & Local Government

Room 214, Cross State Office Building, 1:00 p.m.

Tel: 287-1330

LD 724 – An Act To Authorize Municipal Fire Districts To Impose Service Charges.

Thursday, March 26

Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry

Room 214, Cross State Office Building, 1:00 p.m.

Tel: 287-1312

LD 598 – An Act To Strengthen the Maine Agriculture Protection Act.

LD 653 – An Act To Increase Consumption of Maine Foods in All State Institutions.

Education & Cultural Affairs

Room 202, Cross State Office Building, 1:00 p.m.

Tel: 287-3125

LD 683 – Resolve. Regarding Legislative Review of the Final Report of Chapter 60: New School Siting Approval, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule That Has Been Provisionally Repealed by the Department of Education, State Board of Education.

LD 685 – Resolve. Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 61: Rules for Major Capital School Construction Projects, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Education, State Board of Education.

Energy, Utilities & Technology

Room 211, Cross State Office Building, 1:00 p.m.

Tel: 287-4143

LD 660 – An Act To Protect Homeowners from Damage in the Event of a Failure of Public Water Systems.

LD 827 – An Act To Amend the Fluoridation Laws To Provide for Customer Choice.

Inland Fisheries & Wildlife

Room 206, Cross State Office Building, 1:00 p.m.

Tel: 287-1338

LD 156 – An Act To Lower the Eligibility Age for a Junior Hunting License.

Transportation

Room 126, State House, 1:00 p.m.

Tel: 287-4148

LD 505 – An Act To Increase the Funding Level of the Local Road Assistance Program.

LD 529 – An Act To Amend the Law Concerning Motor Vehicles at Railroad Crossings.

LD 645 – An Act To Create a Transportation Planning Incentive for Communities Located on Peninsulas.

LD 676 – Resolve. Directing the Department of Transportation To Study the Use of Calcium Chloride on Roads and Its Effect on Vehicles.

Friday, March 27

Transportation

Room 126, State House, 9:00 a.m.

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LD 591 – An Act To Allow Municipal and Volunteer Firefighters To Operate Motor Vehicles as Authorized Emergency Vehicles.

LD 634 – An Act To Allow Operation of Modified Utility Vehicles on a Public Way.

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Appropriations & Financial Affairs

LD 995 – An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Participating Local Districts in the Maine Public Employees Retirement System. (Sponsored by Rep. Foley of Wells; additional cosponsors.)

This bill appears to be one of at least two bills introduced this session responding to a 2014 Law Court decision that held that the Board of Trustees of the Maine State Retirement System did not have statutory authority to make final administrative decisions regarding claims of certain participating local district (PLD) employees who believed they were eligible for retroactive retirement benefits from Kennebec County because the County allegedly failed to inform them of their rights to be provided benefits through the PLD when they were first hired two decades ago. The Law Court decision opened up the statute in this area for further clarification, and this bill clarifies the matter by expressly restricting the Board of Trustees' jurisdiction in these PLD-related decisions. (See LD 1021 for the alternative clarification.)

Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry

LD 1023 – An Act To Revise the Animal Welfare Laws. (Sponsored by Rep. Marcan of Hollis; additional cosponsors.)

This bill amends the animal welfare laws to: (1) expand the definition of "animal shelter" to include "animal rescue" or "animal rescue group"; (2) transfer the responsibility for the animal shelter costs associated with an animal taken from a home pursuant to the animal cruelty statutes from the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to whichever person or entity seized the animal; (3) expands the allowance in current law for the euthanization of cats in certain circumstances to also include "small animals"; and (4) makes it unlawful

under the animal cruelty statutes to dispose of a deceased animal in public or private property without permission from the landowner.

Criminal Justice & Public Safety

LD 944 – An Act Regarding Recovery of Emergency Response Costs Related to an OUI Offence. (Sponsored by Sen. Thibodeau of Waldo Cty; additional cosponsors.)

This bill makes a person liable for up to \$2,500 in costs if the person causes an incident while committing the offense of operating a motor vehicle under the influence that requires an appropriate response by a private or public law enforcement agency, fire department or organization that provides emergency medical services.

Labor, Commerce, Research & Economic Development

LD 1010 – An Act To Afford Public Employers Flexibility To Achieve Efficiency and Quality in Management. (Sponsored by Sen. Cushing of Penobscot Cty; additional cosponsors.)

This bill provides that the use of private contractors by a public employer to perform services for the public employer is not subject to negotiation in collective bargaining.

LD 1015 – An Act To Require Large Employers To Report Compensation Information. (Sponsored by Sen. Patrick of Oxford Cty; additional cosponsors.)

This bill requires employers who employ over 100 workers to report annually to the Bureau of Labor Standards the total compensation of the chief executive officer of the employer and the total compensation of the full-time employee of the employer with the lowest rate of pay.

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To testify in support of or in opposition to specific legislation, details on testifying at legislative hearing can be found online [here](#).

Free or Low-Cost Prescriptions

There are various resources available to assist those on fixed/low incomes obtain free and/or low-cost prescriptions.

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U.S. DOT Launches First-Ever National Tween Seat



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Belt Advertising Campaign

The Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) recently announced it's first-ever, national advertising campaign aimed at parents of children ages eight-14 to make sure their kids are consistently and properly wearing their seat belt every time the car is moving.

A recent series of NHTSA focus groups found seat belt use can fall by the wayside when shuttling kids to and from school and activities, when running short errands, or when parents are a bit worn down by the daily grind, which makes this campaign urgently important.

Seat belts save lives, and NHTSA data shows that as children get older, they are less likely to buckle up. Over the past five years, 1,552 kids between the ages of eight and 14 died in car, SUV, and van crashes – of those who died, almost half were unbelted. The percentage of child passengers who die while riding unrestrained generally increases with age and is most pronounced among 13- and 14-year-olds regardless of seating position.

Tweens test the limits, because it is how they learn and grow. The focus groups confirmed that it is critical that they absorb the message now that the car does not move until everyone in the vehicle is buckled up. After a while, it will not be a fight; it will be second nature, and it is a lifesaving lesson that they will carry with them always.

The campaign, developed in both [English](#) and [Spanish](#), includes television, radio, outdoor, print and digital ads. The ads take a direct approach to parents, as one radio spot says, "You're the driver. The one in control. Stand firm. Just wait. And move only when you hear the click that says they're buckled in for the drive."

The new PSAs, produced in partnership with the Ad Council and created pro bono by McCann Worldgroup, Casanova Pendrill (pro bono), and Mister Face, will be distributed to nearly 33,000 media outlets nationwide and will run entirely in donated air and space. Click [here](#) and [here](#) for tips in both English and Spanish, respectively.

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Maine Unemployment Rate 5.2 Percent in January

Seasonally Adjusted Statewide Data

The preliminary seasonally adjusted unemployment rate of 5.2 percent for January was down from 5.5 percent in December and 6.0 percent one year ago. The number of unemployed declined 6,400 over the year to 38,000.

The employment to population ratio estimate of 60.1 percent remained above the U.S. average (59.3 percent) for the 88th consecutive month.

The U.S. preliminary unemployment rate of 5.7 percent was little changed from 5.6 percent in December and down from 6.6 percent one year ago. The New England unemployment rate averaged 5.3 percent. Rates for other states were 4.0 percent in New Hampshire, 4.1 percent in Vermont, 5.1 percent in Massachusetts, 6.5 percent in Rhode Island, and 6.3 percent in Connecticut.

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February data will be released Friday, March 27. *(A full data release schedule can be found online [here](#).)*

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Taxation Committee Reaches Unanimity on Elements of Budget

Municipal Interests Are Protected

On Tuesday this week, the Taxation Committee made progress on several elements of the Governor's FY 2016–2017 proposed General Fund budget affecting municipalities and property taxpayers. After meeting in partisan caucuses, the Committee publicly reconvened to outline areas of agreement between the political parties. The Committee was unanimous on the following recommendations of municipal interests:

Revenue Sharing. The Governor's budget proposes to fund revenue sharing at the \$62.5 million in FY 2016 (40% of the distribution required by law), and to repeal the program in FY 2017.

The Committee recommended that the revenue sharing program be funded at \$62.5 million in both FY 2016 and FY 2017. The House chair of the Committee, Rep. Adam Goode of Bangor, spoke on behalf of the Committee's Democrats and reported that the caucus is interested in exploring ways to increase the amount of revenue sharing distributed to municipalities. However, the preferred avenue for addressing future increases in municipal aid is through one of the several revenue sharing restoration bills that will be considered by the Committee later this session. Rep. Stedman Seavey of Kennebunkport, speaking for the Committee's Republicans, stressed the importance of revenue sharing for helping municipalities subsidize the cost of unfunded state mandates.

Homestead Exemption. As proposed by the Governor, effective April 1, 2015, only residents aged 65 and older would be eligible for a Homestead exemption and the value of the exemption provided

would increase to \$20,000, with 50% of each municipality's lost tax revenue reimbursed by the state.

The Committee recommended retaining the existing Homestead Exemption program, which provides a 50% state reimbursed \$10,000 property tax exemption to all qualifying Maine homeowners.

Two-way Telecommunication Property. As proposed by the Governor, taxing jurisdiction over two-way telecommunications property (e.g., telephone cables, broadband infrastructure, etc.) would be shifted from the state to the municipalities beginning on April 1, 2016.

The Committee recommended supporting the Governor's two-way telecommunications property taxing jurisdiction proposal.

Partial Nonprofit Exemption. As proposed by the Governor, municipalities would be required to apply the property tax to one-half the value of property assessed over \$500,000 and owned by charitable

and benevolent corporations, literary and scientific institutions, and certain other categories of privately owned tax exempt property.

The Committee recommended rejecting the Governor's proposal to assess a partial property tax on certain nonprofit organizations. As part of that rejection, some Committee members expressed interest in exploring the feasibility of authorizing municipalities to impose service charges on properties owned by certain nonprofit organizations. LD 565, *An Act to Authorize Municipalities To Impose Service Charges on Tax-exempt Property Owned by Certain Nonprofit Organizations*, sponsored by Rep. Lawrence Lockman of Amherst, was mentioned as a potential vehicle to achieve that goal. The public hearing on LD 565 is scheduled for Monday, March 30 at 1:00 p.m.

Other Municipal Issues. There are two other elements of the Governor's budget
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Fish or Cut Bait on a Coordinated Jail System

Municipal officials ask state government to follow through on commitment

On Monday this week, the Legislature's Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee held a hearing on LD 186, *An Act To Reverse Jail Consolidation*. In 2008, the state took action to coordinate the management of Maine's 15 county jails in an effort to make the statewide management of the jails more efficient and the individual jails more consistent with one another in terms of operations

and inmate boarding costs. There were a few years of slow but steady progress, with some mistakes made along the way. The Legislature overrode a veto last year and enacted legislation that finally brought a systemic disconnect within the management of Maine's correctional facilities to the brink of a solution.

Governor LePage, however, has not
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Conversations About Improving Firefighter Recruitment Efforts

On Monday this week, the Taxation Committee held a public hearing on LD 500, *An Act To Support Municipal Volunteers*. Sponsored by Speaker of the House, Rep. Mark Eves of North Berwick, LD 500 authorizes municipalities to adopt ordinances to provide those firefighters and emergency medical services personnel who receive no remuneration for their services a cash benefit up to \$750.

Throughout the hearing, LD 500 was mistakenly described as a \$750 property tax exemption for volunteer firefighters and EMS personnel. The proposal is not and cannot be a property tax exemption, but taking into account the evolution of the bill, it is an understandable error.

LD 500 proposes to piggyback on existing law that authorizes municipalities, through the adoption of an ordinance, to provide a cash benefit up to \$750 to residents 60 years of age and older who provide volunteer services to the community. When the legislation for this “senior volunteer” bill was originally introduced in 2007, it was drafted as a property tax exemption. After legal review it was determined that providing municipalities with the authority to exempt property from taxation would violate the requirement in Maine’s Constitution that all property tax assessments be apportioned and assessed equally according to “just value.” In other words, “home rule” property tax exemptions are not allowed.

Although municipalities already had the authority to provide compensation to volunteers, regardless of age or function, the bill was amended and subsequently enacted as a cash benefit program for senior volunteers rather than a partial property tax exemption. MMA opposed the legislation at the time and remains opposed to expanding a law that enables municipalities to provide benefits that can be readily provided, and are readily provided, without the need for any enabling state law.

Seven years later, LD 500 proposes to extend the “senior volunteer” cash benefit system to certain volunteer firefighters and EMS personnel.

Speaker Eves introduced the bill as the

catalyst for a serious conversation about how the state and communities can address declines in the number of volunteer firefighters and EMS providers. He believes that a \$750 benefit is a good way to keep Maine families safe, but admits that it is only part of a comprehensive plan for addressing what some describe as a “crisis” in the availability of volunteer services.

Representatives Michael Lajoie of Lewiston, retired fire chief, and Timothy Theriault of China, current fire chief, provided testimony in support of LD 500. Both men testified that compensation would assist recruitment efforts, but that it was only one component. Issues such as training requirements and the obligations of work and family commitments have also contributed to declines in the recruitment of volunteers, according to their testimony. Jeff Cammack, the Executive Director of the Maine Fire Chiefs’ Association, also testified in support of LD 500.

As was the case in 2007 with the proposal to compensate senior volunteers, MMA’s Legislative Policy Committee voted to oppose LD 500 as unnecessary law. To show that municipalities both can and routinely do compensate their firefighters and EMS personnel, MMA provided the Committee with two reports. The first document was a survey recently conducted by MMA showing that nearly 90% of the respondent communities with volunteer fire departments provide some level of compensation for volunteer firefighters and EMS personnel. The data published in MMA’s 2013 Salary Survey were also provided to the Committee. That information shows that municipalities with populations under 4,000 compensate volunteer firefighters at an average of \$10 per hour or \$11 per call and EMS providers at an average of \$12 per hour or \$13 per call.

MMA’s position is that fire protection and emergency medical services are local government functions and the municipal employers, in negotiation with their employees, are the appropriate decision-makers to establish the compensation systems provided to their employees. No

law needs to be enacted for that to happen.

There are, however, three important ways by which the Legislature can help support local level efforts to recruit volunteer firefighters and EMS providers.

Honor state funding commitments, such as the municipal revenue sharing program, which indisputably helps support locally provided public safety programs.

Develop and implement more regionally based firefighter training programs that could help ease the substantial training requirements placed on all firefighters.

Oppose legislation that either increases the burdens of providing public safety services or frustrates the municipal employers’ efforts to determine how best to manage and compensate municipal employees.

The work session on LD 500 has not yet been scheduled.

Tax Committee (cont’d)

get proposal of direct municipal impact that have yet to be decided by the Taxation Committee. One of those proposals would transfer the taxable property enrolled in the Business Equipment Tax Reimbursement (BETR) program to the Business Equipment Tax Exemption (BETE) program over a four-year period. The other proposal amends the Tree Growth Tax program in several ways, including: (1) requiring landowners to actually have in their possession the forest management plan they are required to have prepared and maintained for them under the Tree Growth Tax law; (2) requiring the forest management plans to include more precise information about the owner’s commercial timber harvesting activities; (3) authorizing the Bureau of Forestry to continue its program of random audits of the land enrolled under the program to ensure compliance with the law and the forest management plans; and (4) beefing up the penalty elements of the program, affecting both municipalities and enrollees.

The Committee plans to resume its public deliberations on the budget at 10 a.m. on Monday March 30.

Fire Utility Districts – A Fairer Way To Pay

Another article in this week's Legislative Bulletin describes a bill submitted to the Taxation Committee (LD 500) for the purpose of addressing the declining numbers of volunteer firefighters and EMS personnel in certain regions of the state. On Wednesday this week the State and Local Government Committee considered an approach to more fairly apportion the costs of providing fire services to all the property owners who receive them.

LD 724, *An Act To Authorize Municipal Fire Districts To Impose Service Charges*, would allow municipalities to create by ordinance municipal and multi-municipal fire districts that could apply service charges to all properties without exception, including those that are tax exempt, to finance fire protection services. This fee-for-service approach would relieve some of the increased reliance on property taxes caused by the deep cuts to the municipal revenue sharing program, the Local Road Assistance Program, and increases in the required local share of education costs over the past several years.

In this context, it is especially fair that the owners of exempt property in Maine contribute to those services as the provision of fire services knows no boundaries – exempt properties require the same fire protection services as taxable property. Not only is the Fire Utility District approach both timely and equitable, it is rational. There is an understandable connection between the basis for the assessment, a building's square footage, and the service of fighting fires in those buildings.

LD 724 was presented to the Committee on behalf of MMA's Legislative Policy Committee by its sponsor, Senator Tom Saviello (Franklin Cty.). Lewiston's City Manager, Ed Barrett, explained the benefits of the bill in three full dimensions of public policy. He explained to the Committee that LD 724 could help eliminate an obstacle to regionalization and reduce the property tax disparity between municipalities in Maine through the creation of multi-municipal fire districts, apportion the cost of fire protection on an equitable basis to all property owners, reduce the state's overall tax burden thereby helping increase its credit rating, and authorize a new revenue source to partially offset

the significant reductions service-center municipalities and others have seen in revenue sharing.

Opposition to this legislation was much more metered than when similar proposals were advanced in the past, possibly due to the current state budget's proposal to allow for the taxation of tax exempt non-profits. The hospitals, non-profits, independent colleges, and YMCA/YWCA all testified that this legislation, while not preferable, might actually be

palatable. Amenable amendments were offered by the Maine Association of Nonprofits to ensure that districts cover the whole municipality to prevent cherry-picking of tax-exempt properties, and that the fees be apportioned on the same basis for all; that is, so the system would not allow the municipality's fire protection budget to be financed by fees for some and property tax contributions for others.

The work session on this legislation has not yet been scheduled.

Restoring the Local Road Assistance Program

MMA's 2015 legislative policy platform devotes significant attention to the difficult issue of transportation infrastructure funding. Local transportation infrastructure is deteriorating, the cost of improving roads and bridges is climbing, and the revenue available to make necessary improvements is declining. The previous Legislature enacted a Highway Fund Budget that brought the 10% level of funding for the Local Road Assistance Program (LRAP) down to 9%. This permanent change yields approximately \$3 million more each year for the state's highway and bridge budget, but places the equivalent burden on local road programs.

LD 505, *An Act To Increase the Funding Level of the Local Road Assistance Program*, seeks to restore LRAP funding to its time-honored 10% level. Introduced with expert first-hand knowledge by Searsport Town Manager and longtime Transportation Committee member Rep. James Gillway, this legislation would help restore the long-established revenue sharing program for the Highway Fund as well as the recent sense of a lost state-municipal partnership. Rep. Gillway described in terms of both dollars and their consequences the trouble towns like his are having making ends meet, pointing out that even modest amounts of state funding (or the lack thereof) make a significant difference at the local level.

The state has partnered with municipalities to create and maintain roads for over a century, with state funding being provided for nearly 70 years at the reli-

ably fixed amount of 10% of the state's road budget (today the Department of Transportation's total Highway Fund allocation for highway and bridge purposes). The state and national economies have seen their share of ups and downs since 1945, but the state held strong to its 10% commitment.

The idea that the state would choose to raid municipal resources, rather than working with municipalities to find alternative and sustainable sources of revenue, frustrated municipal officials when it occurred in 2013. Communities maintain state aid roads during the winter months, enter into contracts with the state to share plow routes in order to make the most effective use of limited resources, and collaborate on projects to make improvements to state roads.

Support for this legislation came not only from the Maine Service Center Coalition. MMA and Rep. Gillway, but two members of Sangerville's selectboard as well, who happened to be in the audience to testify on another piece of legislation. Their impromptu testimony keenly provided detailed budget figures off the top of their heads, describing a road budget "tighter than the bark on a birch tree." The only opposition testimony came from the MDOT.

Committee members and the MDOT questioned whether restoring LRAP would be a good idea if it took away from the same pot of money that the MDOT uses to fund its Secondary Road Program and

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Bill Would Require Municipal Councilor/Selectperson Participation in All Labor Contract Negotiations

The Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development Committee held a public hearing midweek on LD 530, *An Act To Improve Public Sector Collective Bargaining Laws*. Sponsored by Senator John Patrick (Oxford Cty.) and focused on municipal and school labor negotiations only, LD 530 would require that at least one member of the board with final authority to approve a collective bargaining agreement attend every contract negotiation meeting with the labor union's bargaining agent. At the municipal level, this means that at least one town or city councilor or member of the selectboard must attend every meeting between the parties throughout the entire negotiation process.

Sen. Patrick presented his bill to the Committee but largely deferred to others to explain the motivation. Three union representatives testified in support of LD 530, Joe Piccone, a business agent for the Teamsters' Union, Charles Betit, who negotiates on behalf of the Maine Education Association, and Matt Schlobohm, the Executive Director of the AFL-CIO.

The proponents argued that having at least one person on the board of municipal or school officers participating in union negotiations is impliedly required by the spirit of public labor relations law under the umbrella of "good faith" bargaining. The proponents recognized that municipal or school officers attend negotiations in many cases, but sometimes their participation is replaced by the municipality's manager or a professional negotiator. The problem with that approach, they said, was that the professionals may not convey to the board that makes the final decision all the elements of the give-and-take in the negotiations, potentially leading to a failed vote on the contract. The only example given to justify mandatory participation by municipal officers was a negotiation in Southwest Harbor where a municipal officer participated for several negotiation sessions, the Committee was told, but not throughout the entire process, and the selectboard ultimately voted to

reject the negotiated contract.

MMA and the Maine School Management Association testified in opposition to LD 530. MMA pointed out that LD 530 would significantly add to the crammed schedule of the average municipal officer by requiring the designated councilor/selectperson to attend all the negotiation meetings for each bargaining unit. Some municipalities negotiate with up to a dozen different bargaining units and some negotiations take weeks or even months to resolve.

Add to that the fact that many municipal officers and school board members have "day jobs" during normal business

hours and many evening meetings during the week to accomplish their regular municipal duties. Scheduling a negotiation session under those circumstances would become all the more difficult.

The most immediate consequences of LD 530 would be to expand the mandatory obligations of municipal officers (making what is already a thankless task even less attractive for aspiring municipal officers) and significantly slow down the process of reaching labor contract agreements because of scheduling difficulties.

The Committee's work session on LD 530 is scheduled for Tuesday, March 31 at 1:00 p.m.

Jail System (cont'd)

accepted the bi-partisan compromise achieved by the Legislature, in concert with the counties, sheriffs, and municipalities. The Governor has not appointed the necessary members to the management Board created to oversee the coordination effort, resulting in a deadlock. According to the Governor, the only solution would be total state control and state funding, or total county control and county (i.e., property tax) funding. In his view, there can be no intergovernmental approach. The system that history has given us, in contrast, is highly nuanced, inextricably linked to the state's correctional and judicial systems, funded mostly by local property taxpayers (currently \$62 million of the total \$80 million annual cost), operated by county sheriffs, and located in facilities owned and overseen by county administrators.

LD 186 was submitted by former State Trooper Sen. Paul Davis (Piscataquis Cty.) to return jails to county control on the premise that consolidation has created more problems than it has solved. As drafted, the legislation seeks continued state funding of Maine's county jails at \$12.2 million per year, allocated to the respective counties according to a competitive grant system.

Most but not all of Maine's sheriffs

testified in support of LD 186, with many seeming to believe that they can count on the state for continued funding. A few less naïve supporters requested at least a "soft landing" of state support over the next biennium, meaning they were asking the state to withdraw its financial support over time rather than all at once. The Maine Sheriffs' Association (MSA), echoed by the Maine County Commissioners Association (MCCA), did acknowledge that property taxpayers do not deserve to foot the entire prison bill, especially in light of the significant medical costs incurred due to the state's recent transfer to the prisons of many mentally ill patients formerly housed in one of two Maine psychiatric boarding facilities. In the MSA's view, the consolidation effort they are seeking to repeal has led to more county collaboration and budget scrutiny, resulting in a renewed readiness by the sheriffs to run the jails entirely on their own.

MMA's Legislative Policy Committee voted to oppose LD 186. Municipal officials have no reason to believe the state will continue to provide any significant amount of annual funding after the law has been repealed. The state struggled to provide its required share while the law

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Restoring LRAP (cont'd)

Municipal Partnership Initiative. That program leverages municipal money to assist with state roads. The Local Road Assistance Program exists, as it has since enacted as the Town Road Improvement Fund in 1945, to provide a share of Highway Fund resources to help finance improvements to local roadways.

Municipal officials hope the Transportation Committee will consider the municipal request in the context of the Committee's current search for innovative solutions to Maine's critical infrastructure needs. Restoring Maine's infrastructure is a tall order that neither the state nor the municipalities can solve without working together.

Jail System (cont'd)

was on the books, leading most recently to projected jail shutdowns prompting emergency funding.

To assist with the state's retreat from the coordinated corrections system state government initiated seven years ago, the county sheriffs and commissioners are offering to establish their own voluntary advisory committee—a knock-off version of the State Board of Corrections—but the details of how this committee might work remain unclear.

To municipal officials and at least some county commissioners it is deeply troubling for the state to initiate a very significant structural change entailing the creation of new standards, policies,

practices and clearly delineated financial obligations and then, seven years later, say "never mind." Local governments ought to be able to rely on commitments made by state government, especially when those commitments have significant ramifications for property tax allocations and budgeting. The property taxpayers, who already fund 74% of the unified system's costs, should not bear the brunt of state government retreating from another commitment.

The Criminal Justice Committee will be considering drafting its own replacement for the consolidation repeal proposal at work sessions beginning immediately and likely carrying into the weeks to come.

LEGISLATIVE HEARINGS

Note: You should check your newspapers for Legal Notices as there may be changes in the hearing schedule. For the Legislative Events Calendar, see the Legislature's web site at <http://www.mainelegislature.org/legis/calendar/>. If you wish to look up schedules by Committee, go to <http://www.mainelegislature.org/legis/bills/phwkSched.html>

Monday, March 30

Criminal Justice & Public Safety
Rm. 436, State House, 1:00 p.m.
Tel: 287-1122

LD 623 – An Act To Expand Maine's Carbon Monoxide Detectors Law.

Education & Cultural Affairs
Room 202, Cross State Office Building, 1:00 p.m.
Tel: 287-3125

LD 240 – An Act To Amend the School Funding Formula.

LD 441 – An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Local Share of Education Costs.

LD 728 – An Act To Limit the Amount of Money a Municipality May Spend on Education.

LD 876 – An Act To Encourage Equity in School Funding by Limiting a Municipality's Contribution Based on Its Student Enrollment.

Labor, Commerce, Research & Economic Development
Room 208, Cross State Office Building, 9:30 a.m.
Tel: 287-1331

LD 699 – An Act To Update Maine Law To Conform to New Federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration Regulations.

LD 803 – Resolve. To Establish the Task Force To Develop Strategies To Protect Towns.

LD 961 – An Act To Support Tourism Development in the City of Sanford.

State & Local Government
Room 214, Cross State Office Building, 1:00 p.m.
Tel: 287-1330

LD 874 – An Act To Provide Transparency and Accountability of Taxpayer Funds.

Taxation
Room 127, State House, 1:00 p.m.
Tel: 287-1552

LD 541 – An Act To Promote Sustainability in Home Ownership for First-time Home Buyers.

LD 542 – An Act To Reduce Property Taxes.

LD 565 – An Act To Authorize Municipalities To Impose Service Charges on Tax-exempt Property Owned by Certain Nonprofit Organizations.

LD 575 – An Act To Provide Property Tax Relief to Maine's Working Families.

LD 786 – An Act To Help Property Tax Payers.

Veterans & Legal Affairs
Room 437, State House, 10:00 a.m.
Tel: 287-1310

LD 617 – An Act To Change Municipal Campaign Contribution Limits.

Tuesday, March 31

Energy, Utilities & Technology
Room 211, Cross State Office Building, 1:00 p.m.
Tel: 287-4143

LD 880 – An Act To Permit Rate-adjustment Mechanisms for Water Utilities.

Judiciary
Room 438, State House, 2:00 p.m.
Tel: 287-1327

LD 199 – An Act To Improve the Reporting of Child Abuse.

Transportation
Room 126, State House, 1:00 p.m.
Tel: 287-4148

LD 844 – An Act To Improve Transit Services Statewide.

LD 845 – An Act To Address Unmet Public Transportation Needs.

LEGISLATIVE HEARINGS (cont.)

Wednesday, April 1

Education & Cultural Affairs

Room 202, Cross State Office Building, 1:00 p.m.
Tel: 287-3125

LD 793 – Resolve. To Examine Unfunded Mandates in the Education Laws and To Recommend Unfunded Mandates To Be Eliminated.

Energy, Utilities & Technology

Room 211, Cross State Office Building, 2:00 p.m.
Tel: 287-4143

LD 89 – An Act To Improve Telecommunications in Maine.

LD 466 – An Act to Increase Competition and Ensure a Robust Information and Telecommunications Market.

Environment & Natural Resources

Room 216, Cross State Office Building, 1:00 p.m.
Tel: 287-4149

LD 727 – An Act To Allow the Retrofit of Underground Oil Storage Tanks.

LD 1044 – An Act To Ensure That Collection Facilities Can Participate in the Architectural Paint Stewardship Program.

Judiciary

Room 438, State House, 1:00 p.m.
Tel: 287-1327

LD 136 – An Act To Clarify That the Medical Records of Applicants for Disability Variances Submitted to Municipal Boards of Appeal Are Not Public Records.

LD 206 – An Act To Clarify Restrictions on Disclosure of E-9-1-1 System Information.

LD 448 – An Act Regarding the Use of Remote-access Technology at Public Meetings of the Public Utilities Commission.

LD 756 – An Act To Enhance the Address Confidentiality Program Regarding Property Records.

Veterans & Legal Affairs

Room 437, State House, 1:00 p.m.
Tel: 287-1310

LD 744 – An Act To Permit Unenrolled Voters To Cast Ballots in Primary Elections.

LD 770 – An Act To Permit Maine Residents To Register To Vote Online.

LD 858 – An Act To Better Inform the Public of Election Results.

Thursday, April 2

Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry

Room 214, Cross State Office Building, 1:00 p.m.
Tel: 287-1312

LD 708 – An Act To Limit the Use of Pesticides on School Grounds.

Education & Cultural Affairs

Room 202, Cross State Office Building, 1:00 p.m.
Tel: 287-3125

LD 711 – An Act To Provide for a Later Starting Time for High Schools.

Energy, Utilities & Technology

Room 211, Cross State Office Building, 1:00 p.m.
Tel: 287-4143

LD 465 – An Act To Eliminate the Broadband Sustainability Fee.

LD 826 – An Act To Promote Maine's Economic Development and Critical Communications for Rural Family Farms, Businesses and Residences by Strategic Public Investments in High-speed Internet.

LD 912 – An Act To Allow the Establishment of Regional Municipal Utility Districts To Support Telecommunications, Broadband Communications and Energy Infrastructure.

Environment & Natural Resources

Room 216, Cross State Office Building, 1:00 p.m.
Tel: 287-4149

LD 765 – Resolve, To Develop a Statewide Plan for the Disposal of Household Hazardous Waste.

Judiciary

Room 438, State House, 1:00 p.m.
Tel: 287-1327

LD 531 – An Act To Establish the Maine Fourth Amendment Protection Act.

Friday, April 3

Veterans & Legal Affairs

Room 437, State House, 10:00 a.m.
Tel: 287-1310

LD 779 – An Act to Increase the Minimum Population Requirement for a Municipality in Which the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations May Locate an Additional Agency Liquor Store.

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Criminal Justice & Public Safety

LD 1074 – An Act To Create a Cause of Action for Damage to Public Easements. (Sponsored by Sen. Davis of Piscataquis Cty; additional cosponsors.)

This bill establishes the offense of operating a motor vehicle to damage a public easement as a Class E crime. The bill defines public easements as the easements created as a result of the abandonment or discontinuance of a town way.

Energy, Utilities & Technology

LD 1063 – An Act To Promote Community Broadband Planning and Strengthen Economic Opportunity throughout Maine. (Sponsored by Rep. Gideon of Freeport; additional cosponsors.)

This bill amends the law governing the state's policy on the deployment of broadband infrastructure and services to unserved and

underserved regions as well as the role of the ConnectME Authority to implement that policy. The bill: (1) rewrites the state's 3 broadband goals and 5 broadband policies; (2) directly assigns the ConnectME Authority to implement those goals and policies; (3) directs the ConnectME Authority to provide technical and financial assistance to communities in the state that include unserved and underserved areas in order to generate broadband investments; (4) prohibits the ConnectME Authority from undertaking projects that would occur in the same time frame without the efforts of the Authority; and (5) establishes the 5 required elements of the plans developed by a municipality or a group of municipalities with grant funds potentially provided by the ConnectME Authority to expand the availability of broadband in their region.

LD 1124 – An Act To Manage Risks Associated with the Installation

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of Natural Gas Pipelines. (Sponsored by Rep. Dunphy of Embden; additional cosponsors.)

This bill establishes construction standards for the installation of natural gas pipelines that would be applied to all gas utilities. The bill: (1) expressly requires a gas utility to provide notice of an installation to all other owners of facilities within the right-of-way when it applies for an installation permit to the municipality or other permitting authority; (2) authorizes the owners of the other infrastructure buried in the right-of-way to file objections with the permitting authority within 14 days; (3) establishes minimum vertical and horizontal separation distances governing the installation of the gas pipelines, including a 6 foot horizontal clearance and a 2 foot vertical clearance; (4) requires marking tape and tracer wire or other similar means of locating buried pipelines to be installed with the gas pipelines; (5) requires a gas pipeline to cross other underground infrastructure at an angle as close to 90 degrees as possible; and (6) requires consultations between the owners of gas pipelines and the owners of other underground facilities and required notification when electric current is applied to gas pipelines for corrosion control or other purposes.

Health & Human Services

LD 1035 – An Act to Create a 9-month Time Limit on General Assistance Benefits. (Sponsored by Sen. Brakey of Androscoggin Cty; additional cosponsors.)

This bill limits the amount of time a person without dependents and who is capable of working to no more than 275 days of General Assistance every 5 years.

LD 1036 – An Act To Prioritize Use of Available Resources in General Assistance Programs. (Sponsored by Sen. Brakey of Androscoggin Cty; additional cosponsors.)

This bill makes an applicant for General Assistance (GA) who voluntarily abandons or refuses to use an available resource ineligible to receive GA for 120 days from the date the resource was abandoned or refused. The bill also makes an applicant for GA who forfeits an available resource through fraud, misrepresentation or intentional violation of the rules pertaining to that resource ineligible for GA for 120 days or for the duration of the sanction imposed on the application for the rule violation, whichever is greater.

LD 1037 – An Act To Establish a 180-day Residency Requirement for Welfare Benefits. (Sponsored by Sen. Brakey of Androscoggin Cty; additional cosponsors.)

This bill establishes a 180-day residency requirement for applicants for MaineCare benefits, food supplement assistance, the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program and General Assistance. With respect to the GA program, the applicant must have been a resident of the municipality to which he or she is applying for GA for 180 days or longer in order to be potentially eligible for benefits.

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LD 1085 – An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Right To Know Advisory Committee Concerning Receipt of a Request for Public Records. (Reported by Rep. Hobbins of Saco for the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.)

For the purpose of measuring the responsive timeframes already established in law, this bill amends the state's Freedom of Access Act to establish as the formal date a request has been made to copy or inspect a public record as the date a sufficient description of the public record is received by the governmental entity possessing the record. The bill also requires a governmental agency receiving a request for public records that are not in the possession of the agency to forward the request to the appropriate governmental agency "without willful delay".

LD 1086 – An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Right

To Know Advisory Committee To Create a Remedy for Unduly Burdensome and Oppressive Requests. (Reported by Rep. Hobbins of Saco for the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.)

This bill amends the state's Freedom of Access Act by establishing a procedure that a governmental entity may follow to deny a request for public records that the governmental entity believes is "burdensome or oppressive". The procedure involves filing an action for an order of protection in Superior Court. The bill details the information that the governmental entity must file with the court to support such an action, including the terms of the records request and any modifications made to those terms, a statement demonstrating the burdensome or oppressive nature of the request and estimates of the time required by the governmental entity to respond to the request, and a description of the efforts made by the governmental entity to work with the person requesting the records to reduce the burdensome nature of the request.

LD 1087 – An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Right To Know Advisory Committee Concerning Response Deadlines and Appeals. (Presented by Rep. Hobbins of Saco for the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.)

Under Maine's current Freedom of Access law, a governmental entity has 5 working days after receiving a request to inspect or copy a public record to issue a written denial of the request, including the reason of the denial, if it is the intention of the governmental entity to deny the request. This bill amends that requirement to allow the governmental entity to issue an expectation of denying the request following a review of the requested record so that the 5-day timeframe can be met even if a thorough review of the requested records cannot be accomplished within that timeframe.

Labor, Commerce, Research & Economic Development

LD 1120 – An Act To Repeal the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code. (Sponsored by Sen. Davis of Piscataquis Cty; additional cosponsors.)

This bill repeals the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code as enacted in 2008 and currently required to be enforced in all municipalities with a population greater than 4,000 inhabitants.

State & Local Government

LD 1093 – An act Regarding the Municipalities to Which the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code Applies. (Sponsored by Rep. Higgins of Dover-Foxcroft; additional cosponsors.)

Current law requires the enforcement of the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code in all municipalities with populations over 4,000. This bill establishes the population threshold triggering mandatory enforcement of the MUBEC code at over 5,000.

Taxation

LD 541 – An Act To Promote Sustainability in Home Ownership for First-time Home Buyers. (Sponsored by Rep. Bryant of Windham; additional cosponsors.)

Under current law, eligibility for the Homestead property tax exemption requires the homesteader to have had a primary residence in Maine for at least one year. This bill would allow the exemption to be provided to people who have had a homestead for less than one year if they have completed a home ownership education course approved by the Maine State Housing Authority.

LD 965 – RESOLUTION. Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Permit the Freezing of Property Taxes on the Homes of Maine Residents Who Are 65 Years of Age or Older. (Sponsored by Rep. Parry of Arundel; additional cosponsors.)

This resolution sends out to the voters a proposed amendment to the state's Constitution that would authorize the Legislature to establish a property tax program that would freeze the property taxes on the primary residence of homeowners who are 65 years of age or older.

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with no other member of the household being less than 55 years of age, and with the primary residence being the only property owned by any household member.

LD 980 – An Act To Restore Revenue Sharing. (Emergency) (Sponsored by Rep. Tepler of Topsham; additional cosponsors.)

The municipal revenue sharing distribution required by law has been raided in ever increasing amounts over the last 10 years by the Legislature by “transferring” fixed amounts of each year’s projected distribution from the Local Government Fund to the state’s General Fund. This bill attempts to phase out those “transfers” by establishing a smaller transfer for the next fiscal year (FY 2016) and an even smaller transfer for FY 2017 and an even smaller transfer for FY 2018, at which point, allegedly, the transferring process would end.

LD 1007 – Resolve, To Study the Tax Exemption Provided to Nonprofit Entities. (Sponsored by Sen. Burns of Washington Cty; additional cosponsors.)

This “concept draft” resolve proposes to examine the property tax exemption given to property of nonprofit organizations, including land trusts, and determine whether the loss of revenue to a municipality is outweighed by the benefits provided to that municipality by the local nonprofits.

LD 1055 – An Act To Allow a Municipality To Abate Taxes Assessed on Property That Is Destroyed. (Sponsored by Rep. Cooper of Yarmouth; additional cosponsor.)

This bill authorizes the assessors on written application or on their own initiative to grant an abatement to a property owner when the real property of the owner has been damaged from fire, explosion or natural disaster and the damage has reduced the value of the improved property by at least 50%. No individual abatement may exceed 10% of

the overlay established for that tax year, and the abatements of this kind in the aggregate cannot exceed 50% of the total overlay. Applications for this abatement must be filed within 18 months of the date of the damage to the property.

LD 1126 – An Act To Provide Property Tax Deferral for Senior Citizens and People with Disabilities. (Sponsored by Rep. Cooper of Yarmouth; additional cosponsors.)

This bill reinstates a property tax deferral program that operated in the mid-to-late 1980s and was discontinued by state law in the early 1990s. Under the program, homesteaders who were 65 years of age or older and had a household income less than \$32,000 could apply to the local assessor for a property tax deferral. If eligible, the homesteader’s property taxes were paid to the town by the state, and the state had a lien on the property so that it could eventually recover the value of the taxes paid. In reinstating this program, the bill changes the income threshold governing eligibility for the deferral program from \$32,000 to \$40,000. The bill also extends the program to otherwise qualifying homesteaders who may be below the age of 65 but are retired from gainful employment by reason of physical disability.

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Fraud Awareness and Self Defense: Don't Become a Fraud Victim—Hold Onto Your Emotions

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This article is intended to provide you with some “self-defense” tips for protecting you and your loved ones from becoming victims of fraud. You need to be strong and in control in order to resist a fraudster. Knowledge and awareness can be very powerful weapons against fraud—remember, knowledge is power.

An unfortunate, but all too common, occurrence when dealing with other people is that we are being deceived and lied to on a daily basis. Since lying and deception are so commonplace in society, individuals try to justify and categorize their misrepresented communications to others as little lies (fibs), large lies (whoppers) and a varying range of lies that fit in between.

Dealing with unknown people and unsolicited correspondence is risky as you try to determine what is fact and what is fiction. President Ronald Reagan often stated that you should trust what you are hearing, but then should verify it. It may be easier to verify the truth in a face-to-face meeting when you have all of the clues in front of you but the risk increases substantially when you deal with individuals over the phone or on a computer.

The use of the Internet has added a greater element of risk for individuals utilizing e-commerce, social networking sites and e-mail from unknown individuals or companies. The Internet is anonymous and the user never knows with absolute certainty with whom they are dealing. The same holds true for telephone calls from unknown callers or when receiving unsolicited mail. In the United States alone, elderly victims are scammed out of \$2.6 billion per year and over one third of all fraud victims are over 60 years old.

Criminals want you to react emotionally and then to give up something that can victimize you. “Don’t think, just do” is what the criminal wants you to do. When dealing with anonymous sources, it is extremely important to remember that you might be dealing with a criminal and you need to control your emotions. “Think first, decide second” is a good self-defense skill that you may need to practice.

How do criminals trigger your emotions to get you to like them and trust them? An example can be found among the persuasion techniques of Dale Carnegie:

I often went fishing up in Maine during the summer. Personally I am very fond of strawberries and cream, but I have found for some strange reason, fish prefer worms, so when I went fishing, I didn’t think about what I wanted. I thought about what they wanted. I didn’t bait the hook with strawberries and cream. Rather, I dangled a worm or

grasshopper in front of the fish and said: "Wouldn't you like to have that?" Why not use the same common sense when fishing for people?" (Carnegie, 1981).

The anonymous criminal is indeed fishing for would-be victims and the criminal is trying to find the correct bait to dangle in front of you. Triggering your emotions may cause you to "bite" and give up your money to the criminal. If a criminal can control your emotion, they can control your actions.

It is important to realize that you are in control of any encounter on the Internet, by telephone or through the mail. Don't click on anything on the Internet, hang up the phone or recycle the papers received in the mail until you have had a chance to analyze and think about the offer or solicitation. If you are uncertain about how to proceed with an unknown party on the telephone, tell him/her that you first need to consult with a professional that you trust and then hang up. If the caller persists and you are uncomfortable, tell the caller that you will need to research the information with the fraud division of your local law enforcement agency before you make a decision. By delaying an immediate decision, you will control your emotion and your actions.

By remembering to "trust, but verify", you will have a greater chance of recognizing a criminal and protecting your personal information and assets that you have worked so hard to obtain. This simple rule provides you with the knowledge and awareness to control your actions and emotions in order to reduce your risk of becoming a victim of fraud. Remember also to utilize law enforcement and social service agencies as your partners in fraud prevention.

Carnegie, D. (1981). *How to Win Friends and Influence People*. New York: Simon & Schuster, Inc.

Federal Fraud Resource

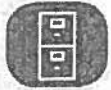
There are many federal agencies and national non-profits that have beneficial resources to help consumers with fraud, exploitation, and identity theft concerns. These are in addition to the local and state resources listed on pages 8–9.

Agency & Phone	Area of Expertise
Government Made Easy www.usa.gov (search "consumer fraud") 800-333-4636	Acts as the U.S. government's official web portal and contains an inventory of U.S. government programs, departments, and agencies.
Consumer Financial Protection Bureau www.consumerfinance.gov/complaint 855-411-2372	Processes complaints about fraudulent activity involving a bank account or service, credit reporting, debt collection, and other financial products or services.
Federal Trade Commission (FTC) www.ftc.gov 877-382-4357 (877-FTC-HELP) 877-438-4338 (877-IDTHEFT)	Focuses on preventing business practices that are deceptive or unfair to consumers. Investigates reported cases of identity theft including those that involve using someone else's Social Security number to obtain credit, loans, telephone accounts, or other goods and services.
Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3) www.ic3.gov/default.aspx	Accepts online Internet crime complaints from either actual victims or from a third party to the complainant.
Internal Revenue Service (IRS) www.irs.gov/uac/Tax-Fraud-Alerts 800-908-4490	Provides information on types of tax fraud and scams to avoid, as well as how to report these activities.
National Center on Elder Abuse / Administration on Aging (AOA) www.ncea.aoa.gov 855-500-3537	Provides information on research, training, best practices, news and resources on elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation.
National Institute on Aging www.nia.nih.gov/health/publication/elder-abuse 800-222-2225	Provides resource information on health and aging. This agency also hosts a web page devoted to the topic of elder abuse.
On Guard Online www.onguardonline.gov/blog	This free blog helps consumers learn about new scams and studies, and provides tips on how to stay smart online. Emailed to subscribers, it offers tips for being on guard against Internet fraud, securing your computer, and protecting personal information.
Securities & Exchange Commission www.sec.gov/investor or www.investor.gov 800-732-0330	Allows consumers to research investment advisors and investment products.
Social Security Administration http://oig.ssa.gov 800-269-0271	The Office of the Inspector General investigates suspected cases of fraud that involve the misuse of Social Security benefits.
U.S. Postal Inspection Service https://postalinspectors.uspis.gov 877-876-2455	Postal Inspectors may investigate any crime in which the U.S. mail is used to further a scheme—whether it originates in the mail, by telephone, or on the Internet.

National Nonprofits

Agency & Phone	Area of Expertise
AARP www.aarp.org/fraud 888-687-2277 (888-OUR-AARP)	Hosts a web page that includes information about identity theft, investment fraud, and the latest scams through an interactive map tool.
AARP Fraud Fighter Call Center 877-908-3360	Volunteer Fraud Fighters offer peer counseling, support, and referral services to fraud victims and their family members.
FINRA Investor Education Foundation www.saveandinvest.org 888-295-7422 (Office of Financial Regulation)	Focuses on investment fraud and allows consumers to check to see if a broker or particular investment advisor is registered.
ID Theft Protection www.idtheftinfo.org 202-387-6121 (Consumer Federation of America)	Helps people learn how to reduce the chances of becoming a victim, detect identity theft quickly if it does happen, and deal with the consequences.
National Adult Protective Services Association www.napsa-now.org (search for APS map) 217-523-4431	Links consumers to the each state's adult protective services units. Houses the National Adult Protective Services Resource Center.
National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) www.naic.org/state_web_map 816-783-8500	Links consumers to the state insurance agencies that regulate insurance products and salespersons.
National Center for Victims of Crime www.victimsofcrime.org 202-467-8700	Advocates for victims of all types of crime and for the people who serve them. Connects victims of crime to a variety of available resources. Specializes in areas of victimization and jurisdictions throughout the nation.
National Council on Aging (NCOA) www.ncoa.org/public-policy-action/elder-justice 800-677-1116 (Elder Care Locator)	A service and advocacy organization representing older adults and the community organizations that serve them. The Elder Justice program of the NCOA focuses on education and community outreach on the topic of elder abuse.
National Crime Victim Bar Association www.victimbar.org 202-467-8753	As an affiliate and program of the National Center for Victims of Crime, this national association of attorneys and expert witnesses is dedicated to helping victims seek justice through the civil court system.

Computer & Online SECURITY TIPS



Keep personal info personal

Be cautious about how much personal information you provide online via the Internet, email, or on social networking sites. The more information you provide, the easier it may be for a hacker or someone else to use that information to steal your identity, access your data, or commit other crimes such as stalking.



Unique account, unique password

Different passwords for every account helps thwart cyber criminals.



Make passwords long and strong

Combine upper and lower case letters with numbers and symbols to create more secure passwords.



Own your online presence

When applicable, set the privacy and security settings on websites to your comfort level for information sharing. It's okay to limit how you share information.



Be selective about who you accept as a friend on a social network

Identity thieves might create fake profiles in order to get information from you.



When in doubt, throw it out

Links in email, tweets, posts, and online advertising are often the way cyber criminals compromise your computer. If it looks suspicious, even if you know the source, it's best to delete or, if appropriate, mark as junk email.



Don't trust that a message is really from who it says it's from

Hackers can break into accounts and send messages that look like they're from your friends, but aren't. If you suspect that a message is fraudulent, use an alternate method to contact your friend to find out. This includes invitations to join new social networks.



Privacy and security settings exist for a reason

Learn about and use the privacy and security settings on social networks. They are there to help you control who sees what you post and manage your online experience in a positive way.



Keep a clean machine

Having the latest security software, web browser, and operating system are the best defenses against viruses, malware, and other online threats.



Be careful about installing extras on your site

Many social networking sites allow you to download 3rd party applications that let you do more with your personal page. Criminals sometimes use these applications to steal your personal information. To download and use 3rd party applications safely, take the same safety precautions that you take with any other program you download from the web.

Veazie School Department FY16 Budget Request

Report # 3069

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Account Number / Description	FY14 Budget 7/1/2013 - 6/30/2014	FY14 Actual 7/1/2013 - 6/30/2014	FY15 Budget 7/1/2014 - 6/30/2015	FY16 Budget Request 7/1/2015 - 6/30/2016	Variance
ARTICLE 1 - REGULAR INSTR.					
<u>K-2 Instruction</u>					
1000-1120-1000-51010-140 Salaries, Teachers, Gr. K-2	337,609.25	335,998.95	360,536.00	374,628.00	14,092.00
1000-1120-1000-51020-140 Salaries, Ed Tech, Gr. K-2	0.00	0.00	10,970.12	0.00	(10,970.12)
1000-1120-1000-51230-140 Salaries, Substitutes, Tchrs, Gr. K-2	3,990.60	4,962.30	3,990.00	3,990.00	0.00
1000-1120-1000-52010-140 Benefits, Teachers, Gr. K-2	1,621.31	1,364.22	1,930.59	2,012.13	81.54
1000-1120-1000-52020-140 Benefits, Ed Techs, Gr. K-2	0.00	0.00	110.80	0.00	(110.80)
1000-1120-1000-52030-140 Benefits, Subs, Tchrs., Gr. K-2	24.44	41.19	31.48	40.30	8.82
1000-1120-1000-52110-140 Insurances, Teachers, Gr. K-2	104,662.83	106,723.05	112,059.27	121,598.87	9,539.60
1000-1120-1000-52120-140 Insurances, Ed Techs, Gr. K-2	0.00	0.00	2,274.00	0.00	(2,274.00)
1000-1120-1000-52210-140 Medicare, Teachers, Gr. K-2	4,612.92	4,630.29	5,267.45	5,432.11	164.66
1000-1120-1000-52220-140 Medicare, Ed Tech, Gr. K-2	0.00	0.00	839.22	0.00	(839.22)
1000-1120-1000-52230-140 SS/Med. Subs, Tchrs, Gr. K-2	57.86	182.75	57.86	305.24	247.38
1000-1120-1000-52310-140 Retirement, Teachers, Gr. K-2	8,936.39	8,898.04	9,537.24	12,566.00	3,028.76
1000-1120-1000-52330-140 Retirement, Subs, Tchrs, Gr. K-2	105.77	84.13	105.74	134.06	28.32
1000-1120-1000-52510-140 Tuition Reimb., Teachers, Gr. K-2	5,000.00	1,379.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00
1000-1120-1000-55800-140 Travel, Gr. K-2	300.00	0.00	300.00	300.00	0.00
1000-1120-1000-56100-140 Instructional supplies, Gr. K-2	2,100.00	1,323.89	2,100.00	2,100.00	0.00
1000-1120-1000-56110-140 Other supplies, Gr. K-2	3,600.00	3,410.87	3,600.00	3,600.00	0.00
1000-1120-1000-56400-140 Books, Gr. K-2	5,450.00	5,105.00	5,950.00	9,050.00	3,100.00
1000-1120-1000-57300-140 Equipment, Gr. K-2	800.00	0.00	800.00	800.00	0.00
Subtotal K-2 Instruction	\$478,871.37	\$474,103.68	\$524,459.77	\$540,556.71	\$16,096.94
<u>3-8 Instruction</u>					
1000-1100-1000-51010-150 Salary, Teachers Grades 3-8	583,822.88	545,513.08	513,199.00	452,342.39	(60,856.61)
1000-1100-1000-51230-150 Salary, Substitute, Teacher, Gr. 3-8	5,459.40	5,533.29	6,460.00	6,460.00	0.00
1000-1100-1000-52010-150 Benefits, Teachers, Grades 3-8	2,825.36	2,402.86	2,858.31	2,527.32	(330.99)
1000-1100-1000-52030-150 Benefits, Subs, Tchrs, Gr. 3-8	33.44	43.87	50.97	65.25	14.28
1000-1100-1000-52110-150 Insurance, Teachers, Gr. 3-8	126,059.05	115,348.17	108,133.76	103,765.13	(4,368.63)
1000-1100-1000-52210-150 Medicare, Teachers, Gr. 3-8	7,901.55	6,782.04	6,544.37	6,558.97	14.60
1000-1100-1000-52230-150 Medicare, Subs, Teachers, Gr. 3-8	79.16	275.74	93.67	494.19	400.52
1000-1100-1000-52310-150 Retirement, Teachers, Gr. 3-8	14,666.15	14,406.29	13,582.81	15,076.89	1,494.08
1000-1100-1000-52330-150 Retirement, Subs, Tchrs, Gr. 3-8	144.70	63.13	171.19	217.06	45.87
1000-1100-1000-52510-150 Tuition Reimburse - Tchrs, Gr. 3-8	4,500.00	4,773.71	5,500.00	5,500.00	0.00
1000-1100-1000-53300-150 Professional Development, Tchrs, Gr 3-8	300.00	430.00	300.00	300.00	0.00
1000-1100-1000-55610-150 Tuition to other SAU's, Gr. 3-8	0.00	7,349.09	9,350.00	0.00	(9,350.00)
1000-1100-1000-55800-150 Travel, Teachers, Gr. 3-8	500.00	132.92	500.00	500.00	0.00
1000-1100-1000-56100-150 Instructional supplies, Gr. 3-8	2,400.00	1,138.53	2,400.00	2,400.00	0.00
1000-1100-1000-56110-150 Other supplies, Gr. 3-8	5,330.00	3,500.72	5,330.00	5,330.00	0.00
1000-1100-1000-56400-150 Books, Gr. 3-8	9,910.00	7,853.72	9,910.00	15,080.00	5,170.00
1000-1100-1000-57300-150 Equipment, Gr. 3-8	1,530.00	834.00	1,530.00	1,500.00	(30.00)
Subtotal 3-8 Instruction	\$765,461.69	\$716,381.16	\$685,914.08	\$618,117.20	\$147,347.49

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<u>ELL K-8</u>					
1000-4100-1000-51010-940 Salary, Teacher, ESL	3,513.90	1,341.48	2,604.00	2,988.89	384.89
1000-4100-1000-52010-940 Benefits, Teachers, ESL	21.69	10.73	26.30	84.25	57.95
1000-4100-1000-52110-940 Insurances, Teachers, ESL	809.04	0.00	751.00	0.00	(751.00)
1000-4100-1000-52210-940 Medicare, Teacher, ESL	50.95	18.78	37.76	43.34	5.58
1000-4100-1000-52310-940 Retirement, Teacher, ESL	0.00	34.07	69.82	91.83	22.01
1000-4100-1000-52510-940 Tuition Reimburse., Teachers, ESL	500.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	(100.00)
1000-4100-1000-53400-940 Contracted Services ESL (K-8) Vz	0.00	693.75	0.00	0.00	0.00
1000-4100-1000-55800-940 Travel, ESL	100.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	(100.00)
1000-4100-1000-56100-940 Instructional Supplies, ESL	50.00	0.00	50.00	50.00	0.00
1000-4100-1000-56400-940 Books, ESL	50.00	0.00	50.00	50.00	0.00
Subtotal ELL K-8	\$5,095.58	\$2,098.81	\$3,788.88	\$3,308.31	\$(480.57)
<u>Visual Arts</u>					
1000-2905-1000-53300-940 Employee training & dev. VA (K-8) Vz	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1000-2905-1000-56100-940 Supplies VA	100.00	0.00	50.00	50.00	0.00
Subtotal Visual Arts	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.00
<u>Performing Arts</u>					
1000-2910-1000-53300-940 Professional Development, PA	100.00	0.00	50.00	50.00	0.00
1000-2910-1000-56100-940 Instructional Supplies, PA	50.00	0.00	50.00	50.00	0.00
Subtotal Performing Arts	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
<u>Gifted & Talented</u>					
1000-2900-1000-51010-940 Salary, Teacher, GT	8,339.48	9,735.79	18,880.00	14,880.00	(4,000.00)
1000-2900-1000-52010-940 Benefits, Teacher, GT	41.45	53.37	149.41	133.01	(16.40)
1000-2900-1000-52110-940 Insurances, Teacher, GT	0.00	611.60	0.00	3,411.88	3,411.88
1000-2900-1000-52140-940 Health/Dental/Cash- GT Director Veazie	0.00	0.00	2,110.00	0.00	(2,110.00)
1000-2900-1000-52210-940 Medicare, Teacher, GT	120.92	150.05	273.76	215.76	(58.00)
1000-2900-1000-52310-940 Retirement, Teacher, GT	0.00	239.22	500.32	499.97	(0.35)
1000-2900-1000-52510-940 Tuition Reimb., Teacher, GT	150.00	1,192.00	640.00	0.00	(640.00)
1000-2900-1000-53300-940 Professional Development, Tchr. GT	150.00	65.00	200.00	200.00	0.00
1000-2900-1000-53400-940 Contracted Services G & T	0.00	225.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1000-2900-1000-55800-940 Travel, GT	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00	0.00
1000-2900-1000-56100-940 Instructional Supplies, GT	200.00	70.00	200.00	200.00	0.00
1000-2900-1000-56400-940 Books, GT	100.00	249.75	100.00	100.00	0.00
1000-2900-1000-56500-940 Tech-related Supplies, GT	50.00	0.00	50.00	50.00	0.00
1000-2900-1000-58100-940 Dues & Fees, GT	50.00	0.00	100.00	100.00	0.00
Subtotal Gifted & Talented	\$9,301.85	\$12,591.78	\$23,303.49	\$19,890.62	\$(3,412.87)
TOTAL ELEMENTARY	\$1,259,080.49	\$1,205,175.43	\$1,237,616.22	\$1,182,022.84	\$(55,593.38)
<u>SECONDARY INSTRUCTION</u>					
<u>Secondary Tuition</u>					
1000-1200-1000-55610-340 Tuition paid other SAU's, Secondary	480,536.61	347,319.77	387,327.40	335,611.43	(51,715.97)

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1000-1200-1000-55630-340 Tuition Paid to Private Schls, Secondary	358,487.78	405,952.49	473,797.10	532,477.96	58,680.86
1000-1200-1000-55680-340 Insured Value Factor	17,924.27	21,335.31	24,190.07	31,948.80	7,758.73
TOTAL SECONDARY	\$856,948.66	\$774,607.57	\$885,314.57	\$900,038.19	\$14,723.62

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<u>CONTINGENCY</u>					
1000-0000-0000-59000-760 Contingency Fund	73,210.85	0.00	73,210.85	74,000.00	789.15
TOTAL CONTINGENCY	\$73,210.85	\$0.00	\$73,210.85	\$74,000.00	\$789.15
TOTAL ARTICLE 1 REGULAR INSTR.	\$2,189,240.00	\$1,979,783.00	\$2,196,141.64	\$2,156,061.03	\$(40,080.61)

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ARTICLE 2 SPECIAL EDUCATION					
<u>Resource Room</u>					
1000-2200-1000-51010-940 Salaries, Teachers, RR	100,642.00	103,800.00	110,670.00	113,520.00	2,850.00
1000-2200-1000-51020-940 Salaries, Ed Techs, RR	144,930.80	140,097.43	151,823.12	137,271.07	(14,552.05)
1000-2200-1000-51210-940 Salaries, Tutors, RR	1,521.75	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
1000-2200-1000-51230-940 Salaries, Substitutes, Tchrs, RR	6,366.60	8,233.30	6,365.00	6,365.00	0.00
1000-2200-1000-52010-940 Benefits, Teachers, RR	492.23	447.31	614.82	611.35	(3.47)
1000-2200-1000-52020-940 Benefits, Ed Techs, RR	895.02	973.46	1,208.69	1,360.84	152.15
1000-2200-1000-52030-940 Benefits, Substitutes, Tchrs., RR	38.99	56.96	50.22	64.29	14.07
1000-2200-1000-52031-940 Benefits, Tutors, RR	0.00	0.00	21.75	87.30	65.55
1000-2200-1000-52110-940 Insurances, Teachers, RR	41,335.20	42,325.60	42,460.00	43,648.59	1,188.59
1000-2200-1000-52120-940 Insurances, Ed Tech, RR	44,467.52	47,179.78	78,856.09	54,236.95	(24,619.14)
1000-2200-1000-52210-940 Medicare, Teacher, RR	2,050.29	1,579.87	1,624.56	1,646.04	21.48
1000-2200-1000-52220-940 Medicare, Ed Tech, RR	2,101.49	2,023.86	2,306.84	1,990.43	(316.41)
1000-2200-1000-52230-940 SS/Med, Substitute, Tchrs, RR	92.32	254.39	92.29	486.92	394.63
1000-2200-1000-52310-940 Retirement, Teachers, RR	2,701.63	2,738.83	2,924.28	3,803.52	879.24
1000-2200-1000-52320-940 Retirement, Ed Tech, RR	3,841.03	3,694.12	3,978.26	4,469.00	490.74
1000-2200-1000-52330-940 Retirement, Subs, Tchrs, RR	168.75	160.45	168.68	213.86	45.18
1000-2200-1000-52510-940 Tuition Reimb., Teachers, RR	1,800.00	0.00	800.00	800.00	0.00
1000-2200-1000-52520-940 Tuition Reimb., Ed Tech, RR	500.00	0.00	500.00	500.00	0.00
1000-2200-1000-53300-940 Professional Development, RR	300.00	0.00	300.00	300.00	0.00
1000-2200-1000-53400-940 Contracted Services, RR	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1000-2200-1000-55800-940 Travel, RR	100.00	0.00	200.00	200.00	0.00
1000-2200-1000-56100-940 Instructional Supplies, RR	1,800.00	1,290.49	800.00	800.00	0.00
1000-2200-1000-56400-940 Books, RR	800.00	615.00	400.00	400.00	0.00
1000-2200-1000-57300-940 Equipment, RR	150.00	412.34	300.00	800.00	500.00
1000-2200-1000-57341-940 Tech-related Hardware, RR	150.00	0.00	50.00	50.00	0.00
Subtotal Resource Room	\$357,395.62	\$355,883.19	\$408,014.60	\$375,125.16	\$(32,889.44)
<u>Special Ed Tuition - Elem.</u>					
1000-2100-1025-55630-940 Tuition Paid to other SAU's, 3-8 Sp'Ed	24,000.00	38,123.68	28,800.00	92,000.00	63,200.00
Subtotal Sped Tuition Elem.	\$24,000.00	\$38,123.68	\$28,800.00	\$92,000.00	\$63,200.00
<u>Contracted Services - Elem.</u>					
1000-2400-1000-53440-940 Homebound Hospital Cont. Svcs., K-8	1,000.00	1,747.89	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
1000-2800-2140-53440-940 Contracted Services, Psych, K-8	1,000.00	2,953.89	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
1000-2800-2160-53440-940 Contracted Services, OT, K-8	5,000.00	6,819.75	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
Subtotal Cont. Svcs. Elem.	\$7,000.00	\$11,521.53	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$0.00
<u>Speech Language - Elementary</u>					
1000-2800-2150-51010-940 Salary, Teacher, Sp'Lang	59,650.00	64,000.00	64,600.00	65,300.00	700.00
1000-2800-2150-52010-940 Benefits, Teachers, Sp'Lang	282.06	259.43	336.86	339.73	2.87
1000-2800-2150-52110-940 Insurances, Teachers, Sp'Lang	20,667.60	21,069.25	21,230.00	21,824.29	594.29
1000-2800-2150-52210-940 Medicare, Teachers, Sp'Lang	864.93	909.03	936.70	946.85	10.15
1000-2800-2150-52310-940 Retirement, Teachers, Sp'Lang	1,580.80	1,695.98	1,711.90	2,194.08	482.18

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1000-2800-2150-53300-940 Professional Development, Tchr, Sp/Lang.	250.00	0.00	250.00	250.00	0.00
1000-2800-2150-53440-940 Contracted Services, Sp/Lang.	0.00	288.80	0.00	0.00	0.00
1000-2800-2150-55800-940 Travel, Sp/Lang.	50.00	0.00	100.00	100.00	0.00
1000-2800-2150-56100-940 Instructional Supplies, Sp/Lang.	300.00	163.14	300.00	300.00	0.00
1000-2800-2150-56400-940 Books, Sp/Lang.	200.00	0.00	200.00	200.00	0.00
1000-2800-2150-56500-940 Tech-related Supplies, Sp/Lang.	100.00	95.68	50.00	50.00	0.00
1000-2800-2150-58100-940 Dues & Fees, Sp/Lang.	250.00	360.00	250.00	200.00	(50.00)
Subtotal Speech/Lang. Elem.	\$84,195.39	\$88,841.31	\$89,965.46	\$91,704.95	\$1,739.49
<u>Summer Program - Elem.</u>					
1000-2810-1000-51010-940 Salary, Teacher, Sp/Ed Summer Program	5,500.00	2,882.50	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00
1000-2810-1000-51020-940 Salary, Ed Tech, Sp/Ed Summer Program	4,000.00	3,625.26	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00
1000-2810-1000-52010-940 Benefits, Teachers, Sp/Ed Summer Program	39.19	32.84	40.40	40.40	0.00
1000-2810-1000-52020-940 Benefits, Ed Techs, Sp/Ed Summer Program	28.50	8.90	40.40	40.40	0.00
1000-2810-1000-52210-940 Medicare, Tchr, Sp/Ed Summer Program	79.75	24.31	58.00	58.00	0.00
1000-2810-1000-52220-940 Medicare, Ed Tech, Sp/Ed Summer Program	58.00	57.49	306.00	58.00	(248.00)
1000-2810-1000-52310-940 Retirement, Tchlrs, Sp/Ed Summer Program	145.86	44.58	145.86	134.40	(11.46)
1000-2810-1000-52320-940 Retirement, Ed Tech, Sp/Ed Summer Prog.	106.08	105.09	0.00	134.40	134.40
Subtotal Summer Program Elem.	\$9,957.38	\$6,780.97	\$8,590.66	\$8,465.60	\$(125.06)
<u>Contingency - Special Ed.</u>					
1000-2100-1000-59000-970 Contingency, Special Education	40,000.00	0.00	40,000.00	46,000.00	6,000.00
Subtotal Contingency - Sp/Ed	\$40,000.00	\$0.00	\$40,000.00	\$46,000.00	\$6,000.00
TOTAL ELEMENTARY SP/ED SVCS.	\$522,548.39	\$501,150.68	\$582,370.72	\$620,295.71	\$37,924.99
<u>Special Education Secondary</u>					
1000-2100-1026-51210-980 Tutor Salary (9-12)	0.00	3,775.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1000-2100-1026-52031-980 Tutor Benefits (9-12)	0.00	151.92	0.00	0.00	0.00
1000-2100-1026-52730-980 Tutor Workers Comp (9-12)	0.00	36.78	0.00	0.00	0.00
1000-2100-1026-55630-990 Tuition Paid to Other SAU's. Sec., Sp Ed	159,000.00	187,609.88	156,000.00	145,000.00	(11,000.00)
Subtotal Sp/Ed Secondary	\$159,000.00	\$191,573.58	\$156,000.00	\$145,000.00	\$(11,000.00)
<u>Special Ed Cont. Svcs. Sec.</u>					
1000-2400-1000-53440-980 Homebound/Hospital Cont. Svcs., Sec.	500.00	3,931.47	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
1000-2800-2150-53440-990 Contracted Services, Sp/Lang. Secondary	500.00	1,578.24	500.00	500.00	0.00
1000-2800-2160-53440-980 Contracted Services, OT, Secondary	800.00	315.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1000-2800-2180-53440-980 Contracted Services, PT, Secondary	250.00	37.50	0.00	0.00	0.00
Subtotal Sp/Ed Cont. Svcs. Sec	\$2,050.00	\$5,862.21	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
TOTAL SECONDARY SP/ED SVCS.	\$161,050.00	\$197,435.79	\$157,500.00	\$146,500.00	\$(11,000.00)
<u>Special Education Support Svcs.</u>					
1000-2500-2330-53400-760 Special Services Admin., - Assessment	84,517.34	79,733.77	65,000.00	65,000.00	0.00
Subtotal Sp/Ed Support Svcs.	\$84,517.34	\$79,733.77	\$65,000.00	\$65,000.00	\$0.00

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TOTAL ARTICLE 2 SP/ED INSTR.	\$768,115.73	\$778,320.24	\$804,870.72	\$831,795.71	\$26,924.99

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<u>Article 3 - CTE Instruction</u>					
1000-3000-1000-55640-992 Regional UTC Assessment, Secondary	18,593.51	18,593.52	27,320.81	24,783.14	(2,537.67)
1000-6300-3000-55640-500 Adult Ed UTC Assessment	1,385.98	1,386.00	1,508.43	1,600.00	91.57
TOTAL ARTICLE 3 CTE INSTR.	\$19,979.49	\$19,979.52	\$28,829.24	\$26,383.14	\$(2,446.10)

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<u>ARTICLE 4 - OTHER INSTRUCTION</u>					
<u>Co-Curricular Programs</u>					
1000-9100-1000-51500-740 Stipends, Co-Curricular	5,350.00	5,100.00	6,350.00	6,350.00	0.00
1000-9100-1000-52000-740 Benefits, Co-Curricular	38.12	40.22	64.14	26.04	(38.10)
1000-9100-1000-52200-740 SS/Med. Stipends, Co-Curricular	77.58	73.79	485.78	92.08	(393.70)
1000-9100-1000-52300-740 Retirement, Stipend, Co-Curricular	141.78	134.87	168.28	213.36	45.08
1000-9100-1000-56100-740 Supplies, Co-Curricular	800.00	151.50	800.00	800.00	0.00
1000-9100-1000-58900-740 Miscellaneous, Co-Curricular	1,000.00	986.50	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
Subtotal Co-Curric. Programs	\$7,407.48	\$6,486.88	\$8,868.20	\$8,481.48	\$(386.72)
<u>Extra-Curricular Programs</u>					
1000-9200-1000-51500-740 Stipend, Coach, Extra-Curricular	25,680.00	22,605.00	25,580.00	25,580.00	0.00
1000-9200-1000-52000-740 Benefits, Coach, Extra-Curricular	141.93	110.35	176.88	104.88	(72.00)
1000-9200-1000-52200-740 SS/Med, Coach, Extra-Curricular	372.36	333.24	1,956.87	370.91	(1,585.96)
1000-9200-1000-52300-740 Retirement, Coach, Extra-Curricular	680.52	595.58	677.87	859.49	181.62
1000-9200-1000-53000-740 Purchased Services, Extra-Curr.	3,750.00	2,677.41	3,750.00	3,750.00	0.00
1000-9200-1000-56000-740 Supplies, Extra-Curr.	2,700.00	1,885.46	2,700.00	2,700.00	0.00
1000-9200-1000-58100-740 Dues & Fees, Extra-Curricular	650.00	435.00	650.00	650.00	0.00
Subtotal Extra Curric. Program	\$33,974.81	\$28,642.04	\$35,491.62	\$34,015.28	\$(1,476.34)
TOTAL ARTICLE 4 OTHER INSTR.	\$41,382.29	\$35,128.92	\$44,359.82	\$42,496.76	\$(1,863.06)

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ARTICLE 5 STU & STAFF SUPPORT					
<u>Guidance Services</u>					
1000-0000-2120-51010-740 Salary, Guidance Director	38,440.00	39,722.51	41,240.00	46,371.87	5,131.87
1000-0000-2120-52010-740 Benefits, Guidance Director	210.72	207.00	241.08	262.12	21.04
1000-0000-2120-52110-740 Insurances, Guidance Director	3,544.70	4,456.26	3,736.00	509.80	(3,226.20)
1000-0000-2120-52210-740 Medicare, Guidance Director	788.92	633.68	597.98	672.39	74.41
1000-0000-2120-52310-740 Retirement, Guidance Director	1,018.68	1,049.37	1,092.86	1,443.46	350.60
1000-0000-2120-53300-740 Professional Development, Guidance	400.00	0.00	400.00	400.00	0.00
1000-0000-2120-56100-740 Supplies, Guidance	300.00	0.00	300.00	300.00	0.00
1000-0000-2120-56400-740 Books, Guidance	300.00	87.15	300.00	300.00	0.00
1000-0000-2120-58100-740 Dues & Fees, Guidance	300.00	0.00	300.00	300.00	0.00
Subtotal Guidance Services	\$45,303.02	\$46,155.97	\$48,207.92	\$50,559.64	\$2,351.72
<u>Student Health Services</u>					
1000-0000-2130-51010-760 Salary, Nurse	21,700.00	21,849.85	21,910.00	23,647.70	1,737.70
1000-0000-2130-52010-760 Benefits, Nurse	132.57	139.48	161.83	168.96	7.13
1000-0000-2130-52110-760 Insurances, Nurse	1,841.09	1,548.86	1,908.00	509.80	(1,398.20)
1000-0000-2130-52210-760 Medicare, Nurse	415.86	332.39	317.70	342.89	25.19
1000-0000-2130-52310-760 Retirement, Nurse	575.12	575.11	580.62	744.41	163.79
1000-0000-2130-53300-760 Professional Development, Nurse	300.00	126.00	300.00	300.00	0.00
1000-0000-2130-55800-760 Travel, Nurse	200.00	0.00	200.00	200.00	0.00
1000-0000-2130-56000-760 Supplies, Nurse	1,200.00	1,125.10	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.00
Subtotal Student Health Svcs.	\$26,364.64	\$25,696.79	\$26,578.15	\$27,113.76	\$535.61
<u>Instructional-related Tech.</u>					
1000-0000-2230-51040-760 Salary, Tech Specialist	23,706.03	20,689.82	30,198.72	29,619.90	(578.82)
1000-0000-2230-51500-760 Stipend, Technology	2,567.82	2,600.00	2,800.00	2,800.00	0.00
1000-0000-2230-52000-760 Benefits, Stipends, Technology	18.29	13.22	28.28	11.48	(16.80)
1000-0000-2230-52040-760 Benefits, Tech Specialist	141.70	131.94	211.31	193.44	(17.87)
1000-0000-2230-52140-760 Insurances, Tech Specialist	0.00	1,620.10	2,773.00	509.80	(2,263.20)
1000-0000-2230-52200-760 Medicare, Stipends, Technology	37.23	37.45	214.20	40.60	(173.60)
1000-0000-2230-52240-760 Medicare, Tech Specialist	507.21	304.35	437.88	429.49	(8.39)
1000-0000-2230-52300-760 Retirement, Stipends, Technology	0.00	68.67	74.20	94.08	19.88
1000-0000-2230-52330-760 Retirement, Tech Specialist	0.00	0.00	69.88	0.00	(69.88)
1000-0000-2230-52340-760 Adm retirement Tech (K-8) Vz	628.16	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1000-0000-2230-53300-760 Professional Development, Technology	300.00	0.00	300.00	300.00	0.00
1000-0000-2230-53500-760 Contracted Services, Technology	4,980.00	3,632.00	4,980.00	4,980.00	0.00
1000-0000-2230-54320-760 Tech Related Repairs	1,500.00	537.50	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
1000-0000-2230-55800-760 Travel, Technology	250.00	0.00	250.00	250.00	0.00
1000-0000-2230-56500-760 Tech-related Supplies, Technology	3,000.00	2,022.36	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
1000-0000-2230-57341-760 Tech-related Hardware, Technology	15,400.00	15,327.69	16,804.00	17,804.00	1,000.00
1000-0000-2230-57351-760 Tech-related Software, Technology	1,500.00	653.95	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
1000-0000-2230-58100-760 Dues & Fees, Technology	100.00	409.83	100.00	100.00	0.00
Subtotal Instr.-related Tech.	\$54,636.44	\$48,048.88	\$64,741.47	\$62,632.79	\$(2,108.68)

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Account Number / Description	7/1/2013 - 6/30/2014	7/1/2013 - 6/30/2014	7/1/2014 - 6/30/2015	7/1/2015 - 6/30/2016	
<u>Improvement of Instruction</u>					
1000-0000-2213-51230-140 Subs, Salary, Improvement of Instruction	1,044.00	1,591.23	1,060.15	1,045.00	(15.15)
1000-0000-2213-51500-140 Stipend, Improvement of Instruct/Curr	2,600.00	3,700.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00
1000-0000-2213-52000-140 Stipend Ben's, Imprv. Instr./Curr.	18.53	0.00	15.00	10.25	(4.75)
1000-0000-2213-52030-140 Benefits, Subs, Imprv. Instr.	6.40	12.60	8.24	10.55	2.31
1000-0000-2213-52200-140 SS/Med., Stipend, Imprv. Instr.	37.70	53.65	36.25	36.25	0.00
1000-0000-2213-52230-140 SS/Med Substitute, Imprv. Instr.	15.14	0.00	0.00	79.94	79.94
1000-0000-2213-52300-140 Retirement, Stipend, Imprv. Instr.	68.90	98.05	66.25	84.00	17.75
1000-0000-2213-52330-140 Retirement, Sub, Imprv. Instr.	27.67	7.75	27.70	35.11	7.41
1000-0000-2213-58100-140 Dues & Fees, Improve. of Instr.	3,500.00	4,214.40	4,300.00	4,300.00	0.00
1000-0000-2213-58930-140 Certification, Imprv. Instr.	550.00	400.00	1,105.00	1,105.00	0.00
Subtotal Improvement of Instr.	\$7,868.34	\$10,077.68	\$9,118.59	\$9,206.10	\$87.51
<u>Curriculum</u>					
1000-0000-2210-51010-760 Salary, Curriculum	0.00	0.00	5,000.00	0.00	(5,000.00)
1000-0000-2210-52010-760 Benefits, Curriculum	0.00	0.00	50.50	0.00	(50.50)
1000-0000-2210-52210-760 Medicare, Curriculum	0.00	0.00	382.50	0.00	(382.50)
1000-0000-2210-53300-760 Prof Develop. Curriculum	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
1000-0000-2210-55800-760 Employee Travel, Curriculum	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
1000-0000-2210-56000-760 Office Supplies, Curriculum	0.00	0.00	250.00	250.00	0.00
1000-0000-2210-58100-760 Dues & Fees, Curriculum	0.00	0.00	200.00	200.00	0.00
Subtotal Curriculum	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,883.00	\$3,450.00	\$(5,433.00)
<u>Library</u>					
1000-0000-2220-51020-740 Salary, Ed Tech, Library	26,798.63	26,508.44	27,598.13	27,066.61	(531.52)
1000-0000-2220-52020-740 Benefits, Ed Tech, Library	146.54	164.95	185.15	273.37	88.22
1000-0000-2220-52120-740 Insurances, Ed Tech, Library	10,163.40	7,023.20	14,144.00	9,039.49	(5,104.51)
1000-0000-2220-52220-740 Medicare, Ed Tech, Library	388.58	384.42	400.17	392.47	(7.70)
1000-0000-2220-52320-740 Retirement, Ed Tech, Library	710.06	695.84	731.35	909.44	178.09
1000-0000-2220-56100-740 Supplies, Library	900.00	517.61	900.00	900.00	0.00
1000-0000-2220-56400-740 Books & Periodicals, Library	5,600.00	5,352.48	5,600.00	5,600.00	0.00
1000-0000-2220-56600-740 AV Supplies, Library	1,500.00	1,340.91	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
1000-0000-2220-57300-740 Equipment, Library	1,500.00	1,008.37	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
Subtotal Library	\$47,707.21	\$42,996.22	\$52,558.80	\$47,181.38	\$(5,377.42)
TOTAL ART. 5 STU & STAFF SPPT.	\$181,879.65	\$172,975.54	\$210,087.93	\$200,143.67	\$(9,944.26)

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	FY14 Budget	FY14 Actual	FY15 Budget	FY16 Budget Request	Variance
Account Number / Description	7/1/2013 - 6/30/2014	7/1/2013 - 6/30/2014	7/1/2014 - 6/30/2015	7/1/2015 - 6/30/2016	
ARTICLE 6 SYSTEM ADMIN.					
<u>School Committee</u>					
1000-0000-2310-51500-760 Stipends, School Committee	1,000.23	2,180.00	2,050.00	2,050.00	0.00
1000-0000-2310-52000-760 Benefits, School Committee	3.00	1.98	12.30	20.71	8.41
1000-0000-2310-52200-760 SS/Medicare, School Committee	76.51	166.78	156.83	156.83	0.00
1000-0000-2310-53300-760 Professional Dev., School Committee	100.00	443.00	250.00	250.00	0.00
1000-0000-2310-53450-760 Legal Services, School Committee	3,000.00	2,052.10	3,000.00	4,500.00	1,500.00
1000-0000-2310-53460-760 Audit Services, School Committee	5,000.00	3,939.32	5,000.00	3,500.00	(1,500.00)
1000-0000-2310-55210-760 Liability Insurance, School Committee	929.00	2,485.00	2,609.25	2,500.00	(109.25)
1000-0000-2310-55400-760 Advertising, School Committee	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	500.00	(500.00)
1000-0000-2310-55800-760 Travel, School Committee	100.00	0.00	100.00	150.00	50.00
1000-0000-2310-56900-760 Miscellaneous, School Committee	1,000.00	604.00	1,000.00	800.00	(200.00)
1000-0000-2310-58100-760 Dues & Fees, School Committee	1,000.00	2,778.98	2,000.00	1,200.00	(800.00)
Subtotal School Committee	\$13,208.74	\$14,651.16	\$17,178.38	\$15,627.54	\$(1,550.84)
<u>Superintendent Services</u>					
1000-0000-2320-53410-760 Administration - Assessment	25,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00	0.00
1000-0000-2320-55800-760 Travel, Superintendent	750.00	882.64	750.00	750.00	0.00
Subtotal Supt. Services	\$25,750.00	\$25,882.64	\$25,750.00	\$25,750.00	\$0.00
<u>Financial Office Services</u>					
1000-0000-2510-53400-760 Finance Office - Assessment	58,204.08	59,200.24	46,000.00	59,140.00	13,140.00
Subtotal Financial Ofc. Svcs.	\$58,204.08	\$59,200.24	\$46,000.00	\$59,140.00	\$13,140.00
TOTAL ARTICLE 6 SYSTEM ADMIN.	\$97,162.82	\$99,734.04	\$88,928.38	\$100,517.54	\$11,589.16

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ARTICLE 7 SCHOOL ADMIN.					
<u>Principal's Office</u>					
1000-0000-2400-51040-740 Salary, Principal	82,187.00	82,187.01	83,008.87	84,669.05	1,660.18
1000-0000-2400-51180-740 Salary, Principal's Secretary	30,020.40	27,216.01	30,931.80	30,339.39	(592.41)
1000-0000-2400-51230-740 Salary, Substitute, Princ. Ofc.	1,139.40	975.00	1,140.00	1,140.00	0.00
1000-0000-2400-52030-740 Benefits, Sub, Princ. Ofc.	6.98	7.13	8.99	11.51	2.52
1000-0000-2400-52040-740 Benefits, Principal	375.02	53.04	424.56	855.16	430.60
1000-0000-2400-52080-740 Benefits, Secretary, Princ. Ofc.	159.83	172.87	198.82	306.43	107.61
1000-0000-2400-52140-740 Insurances, Principal	8,469.60	8,780.98	8,962.08	9,039.49	77.41
1000-0000-2400-52180-740 Insurances, Secretary, Princ. Ofc.	17,608.44	17,218.38	14,144.00	15,664.61	1,520.61
1000-0000-2400-52230-740 SS/Med, Sub, Princ. Ofc.	16.52	72.57	16.53	87.21	70.68
1000-0000-2400-52240-740 Medicare, Principal	1,191.71	1,191.84	1,203.63	1,227.70	24.07
1000-0000-2400-52280-740 SS/Med, Secretary, Princ. Ofc.	2,296.56	2,026.27	2,366.28	2,320.96	(45.32)
1000-0000-2400-52330-740 Retirement, Sub, Princ. Ofc.	30.20	0.86	0.00	0.00	0.00
1000-0000-2400-52340-740 Retirement, Principal	2,178.02	2,178.02	2,199.74	2,844.88	645.14
1000-0000-2400-52380-740 Retirement, Secretary, Princ. Ofc.	1,951.33	1,769.04	2,010.57	1,972.06	(38.51)
1000-0000-2400-53300-740 Professional Development, Princ. Ofc.	250.00	378.25	250.00	250.00	0.00
1000-0000-2400-54000-740 Purchased Services, Principal's Ofc.	2,738.00	2,129.53	1,325.00	2,342.48	1,017.48
1000-0000-2400-54445-740 Coper Lease, Principal's Office	3,102.00	3,102.00	3,300.00	3,300.00	0.00
1000-0000-2400-55310-740 Telephone & Postage, Principal's Ofc.	6,350.00	5,261.10	5,350.00	6,350.00	1,000.00
1000-0000-2400-55800-740 Travel, Principal's Ofc.	500.00	318.36	500.00	500.00	0.00
1000-0000-2400-56100-740 Supplies, Principal's Ofc.	1,200.00	992.15	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.00
1000-0000-2400-56900-740 Miscellaneous, Principal's Ofc.	500.00	200.59	500.00	500.00	0.00
1000-0000-2400-57300-740 Equipment, Principal's Ofc.	200.00	96.89	200.00	200.00	0.00
1000-0000-2400-58100-740 Dues & Fees, Principal's Ofc.	800.00	695.00	800.00	800.00	0.00
Subtotal Principal's Office	\$163,271.01	\$157,022.89	\$160,040.87	\$165,920.93	\$5,880.06
TOTAL ARTICLE 7 SCHOOL ADMIN.	\$163,271.01	\$157,022.89	\$160,040.87	\$165,920.93	\$5,880.06

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Account Number / Description	7/1/2013 - 6/30/2014	7/1/2013 - 6/30/2014	7/1/2014 - 6/30/2015	7/1/2015 - 6/30/2016	
<u>ARTICLE 8 TRANSPORTATION</u>					
1000-0000-2700-55140-760 Contracted Transportation Services	97,500.00	97,499.97	101,500.00	105,300.00	3,800.00
1000-0000-2700-56260-760 Diesel Fuel	26,000.00	21,052.76	26,000.00	17,000.00	(9,000.00)
1000-0000-2750-55140-760 Private transportation Sp/Ed	6,000.00	79.65	5,000.00	22,000.00	17,000.00
1000-0000-2770-55140-760 Transportation - Homeless/Vz	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL ARTICLE 8 TRANSPORTATION	\$130,000.00	\$118,632.38	\$132,500.00	\$144,300.00	\$11,800.00

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ARTICLE 9 OPERATIONS & MAINT.					
<u>Operation</u>					
1000-0000-2600-54100-740 Water, Sewer & Trash	5,000.00	4,795.95	5,000.00	5,500.00	500.00
1000-0000-2600-54400-740 Facilities Rental	200.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	(200.00)
1000-0000-2600-55210-740 Insurance, Buildings & Contents	7,159.00	7,407.00	7,777.35	10,000.00	2,222.65
1000-0000-2600-56210-740 Energy - Natural Gas	19,000.00	27,903.69	22,000.00	35,000.00	13,000.00
1000-0000-2600-56220-740 Energy - Electricity	38,100.00	34,713.31	42,000.00	46,200.00	4,200.00
1000-0000-2600-56230-740 Energy - Propane	600.00	563.00	600.00	600.00	0.00
1000-0000-2600-56240-740 Energy - Oil	600.00	0.00	600.00	600.00	0.00
Subtotal Operation	\$70,659.00	\$75,382.95	\$78,177.35	\$97,900.00	\$19,722.65
<u>Custodial Services</u>					
1000-0000-2610-54200-740 Contracted Services - Custodial	88,690.00	88,389.32	88,690.00	88,690.00	0.00
1000-0000-2610-54440-740 Custodial EQ Rentals	1,000.00	352.85	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
1000-0000-2610-56000-740 Supplies, Custodial	5,900.00	4,376.27	5,900.00	5,900.00	0.00
1000-0000-2610-57300-740 Equipment, Custodial	750.00	0.00	750.00	750.00	0.00
Subtotal Custodial Services	\$96,340.00	\$93,118.44	\$96,340.00	\$96,340.00	\$0.00
<u>Maintenance</u>					
1000-0000-2620-54000-760 Purchased Services, Maintenance	30,586.00	29,744.19	30,586.00	30,586.00	0.00
1000-0000-2620-54300-760 Grounds Maintenance	3,200.00	3,305.00	4,200.00	4,200.00	0.00
1000-0000-2620-54310-760 Repair & Maintenance Services	19,500.00	19,396.25	29,500.00	29,500.00	0.00
1000-0000-2640-54300-760 Equipment Repairs, Maintenance	4,500.00	5,011.16	4,500.00	4,500.00	0.00
Subtotal Maintenance	\$57,786.00	\$57,456.60	\$68,786.00	\$68,786.00	\$0.00
TOTAL ARTICLE 9 OPER. & MAINT.	\$224,785.00	\$225,957.99	\$243,303.35	\$263,026.00	\$19,722.65

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<u>ARTICLE 10 DEBT SERVICE</u>					
1000-0000-5100-58310-760 Debt Service - Principal	268,295.00	268,295.00	268,295.00	268,295.00	0.00
1000-0000-5100-58320-760 Debt Service - Interest	68,095.88	63,074.18	48,148.68	19,349.91	(28,798.77)
TOTAL ARTICLE 10 DEBT SERVICE	\$336,390.88	\$331,369.18	\$316,443.68	\$287,644.91	\$(28,798.77)

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<u>ARTICLE 11 OTHER</u>					
<u>Food Service</u>					
1000-0000-3100-59100-760 Support of School Lunch Program	50,000.00	50,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00	0.00
Subtotal Food Service	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$0.00
TOTAL ARTICLE 11 OTHER	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$0.00
TOTAL BUDGET	\$4,202,206.87	\$3,968,903.70	\$4,255,505.63	\$4,248,289.69	\$(7,215.94)

	<u>FY15</u>	<u>FY16 Proposed</u>	<u>\$ Inc/(dec)</u>	<u>% inc/(dec)</u>
<u>Expenditures:</u>				
Article 1 - Regular Instruction	2,196,141.64	2,156,061.03	(40,080.61)	-1.83%
Article 2 - Special Ed. Instruction	804,870.72	831,795.71	26,924.99	3.35%
Article 3 - CTE Instruction	28,829.24	26,383.14	(2,446.10)	-8.48%
Article 4 - Other Instruction	44,359.82	42,496.76	(1,863.06)	-4.20%
Article 5 - Student & Staff Support	210,087.93	200,143.67	(9,944.26)	-4.73%
Article 6 - System Administration	88,928.38	100,517.54	11,589.16	13.03%
Article 7 - School Administration	160,040.87	165,920.93	5,880.06	3.67%
Article 8 - Transportation	132,500.00	144,300.00	11,800.00	8.91%
Article 9 - Facilities Management	243,303.35	263,026.00	19,722.65	8.11%
Article 10 - Debt Service	316,443.68	287,644.91	(28,798.77)	-9.10%
Article 11 - Other (School Lunch)	<u>30,000.00</u>	<u>30,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	0.00%
<u>Total Expenses - First Draft:</u>	4,255,505.63	4,248,289.69	(7,215.94)	-0.17% gross increase
<u>Revenues:</u>				
State Allocation	862,158.56	649,051.68	(213,106.88)	-24.72%
State Debt Service	<u>315,438.47</u>	<u>286,731.17</u>	<u>(28,707.30)</u>	<u>-9.10%</u>
Total State	1,177,597.03	935,782.85	(241,814.18)	-20.53%
Tuition - Elementary	41,490.00	32,182.50	(9,307.50)	-22.43%
Tuition - Elem. Sp/Ed	<u>12,155.00</u>	<u>10,000.00</u>	<u>(2,155.00)</u>	<u>-17.73%</u>
Total Local Revenue:	53,645.00	42,182.50	(11,462.50)	-21.37%
Prior Year Balance	310,000.00	355,000.00	45,000.00	14.52%
Local Allocation	1,849,230.00	1,932,168.00	82,938.00	4.49%
Local w/o State participation	<u>865,033.60</u>	<u>983,156.34</u>	<u>118,122.74</u>	<u>13.66%</u>
Total Local Share:	2,714,263.60	2,915,324.34	201,060.74	7.41% net increase
<u>Total Revenues:</u>	4,255,505.63	4,248,289.69	(7,215.94)	-0.17%

FY16 Veazie School Department Budget:

3/25/15

	Gross Budget		Local Share	
	\$ variance	% variance	\$ variance	% variance
First Draft Increase (w/5% Anthem increase):	163,207.27	3.84%	371,483.95	13.69%
<u>Tier 1 Proposed Reductions:</u>				
1 Classroom teacher	73,634.63			
New 50% Ed Tech (special ed)	15,513.59			
50% Ed Tech (regular ed)	16,242.70			
1 Ed Tech (special ed)	19,741.27			
Curriculum stipend	5,291.00			
1 Out of District Placement	<u>40,000.00</u>			
Total Tier 1 Proposed Reductions	170,423.19	-0.17%	201,060.76	7.41%

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Budget by Warrant Articles - Total

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Account Number / Description	Adopted Budget 7/1/2014 - 6/30/2015	YTD Expended 7/1/2014 - 2/28/2015	Encumbrances 7/1/2014 - 2/28/2015	Amount Remaining 7/1/2014 - 2/28/2015	Percent Remaining 7/1/2014 - 2/28/2015
Total Article 1 - Reg Instr.	\$2,196,141.64	\$1,227,847.26	\$976.00	\$967,318.38	44.04%
Total Article 2 - Sp/Ed Instr.	\$804,870.72	\$372,924.77	\$0.00	\$431,945.95	53.6%
Total Article 3 - CTE Instr.	\$28,829.24	\$19,219.44	\$0.00	\$9,609.80	33.33%
Total Article 4 - Other Instr.	\$44,359.82	\$17,024.88	\$130.50	\$27,204.44	61.32%
Total Article 5 - Stu & Staff	\$210,087.93	\$131,760.75	\$2,216.36	\$76,110.82	36.22%
Total Article 6 - System Admin	\$88,928.38	\$50,936.80	\$0.00	\$37,991.58	42.72%
Total Article 7 - Schl Admin.	\$160,040.87	\$107,915.92	\$0.00	\$52,124.95	32.56%
Total Article 8 - Transport.	\$132,500.00	\$76,001.44	\$0.00	\$56,498.56	42.64%
Total Article 9 - Op & Maint	\$243,303.35	\$154,437.39	\$10,185.00	\$78,680.96	32.33%
Total Article 10 - Debt Svc.	\$316,443.68	\$294,724.55	\$0.00	\$21,719.13	6.86%
Total Article 11 - Other	\$30,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$25,000.00	83.33%
TOTAL BUDGET	\$4,255,505.63	\$2,457,793.20	\$13,507.86	\$1,784,204.57	41.92%



Message

Wed, Mar 25, 2015 4:00 PM

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To: Mark Leonard

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Here is the 1:1 explanation of Sharon Brady. Will get balance sheet.

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Hi,

Sorry to be just getting back to you on this.

We do not write IEPs with one-on-one Ed Tech language. IEP's now reflect that we provide support in the regular education setting to implement behavior plans or support accommodations like scribe and read aloud.

Having said that, we have three students in the early elementary grades with support in place for their full school day in the regular education setting. We have three students in the upper elementary grades with support for about 1/2 of their school day in the regular education setting. We also have 6 additional students with more limited needs. These students need a subject covered (like ELA) during the school day in the mainstream setting.

Educational technicians also work in the special education classrooms supporting student learning. Special Education teachers need to leave their special education classrooms during the day to attend meetings, consult in the mainstream classroom with staff and to complete classroom observations (as ordered through the IEP team process). Educational technicians also cover their students when they are out of the room.

Sincerely,

Sharon Brady

On Mon, Mar 23, 2015 at 9:53 AM, Scott Nichols <snichols@veaziecs.org> wrote:

This is a good question for Sharon to answer. We write IEP's such that assistance is available, not that the student will have a one on one. Perhaps the answer is the number of students who have been promised assistance 100% of the day?

On Mon, Mar 23, 2015 at 9:39 AM, Lyons Richard <rl Lyons@rsu22.us> wrote:

How many 1:1 do we have, as questioned?

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From: **Mark Leonard** <mleonard@veazie.net>

Date: Mon, Mar 23, 2015 at 7:59 AM

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Rick- Good morning! Thank you for the invite and I will be at this meeting. I will forward the invitation to both Tammy and Jeff. Also the budget committee has requested that they be provided your draft budget prior to the meeting on the 31st. I told them that it wouldn't be received until you had presented it to the school committee on the 24th. When its after that if you provide it to me I can package it and have it delivered to them. They also wanted a reminder sent that they would like a copy of a current balance sheet and finally they requested to know how many 1 on 1 special education students Veazie has.

If I dont speak to you before I will see you at the meeting tomorrow night.

Mark

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