



Veazie Town Council

Regular Meeting

April 27, 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 April 13th, 2015 Regular Council Meeting Minutes.
- ITEM 6:** Comments from the Public

New Business:

- ITEM 7:** Orono Recreation follow up
- ITEM 8:** Crowe Property follow up
- ITEM 9:** Discussion with Supt. Lyons & School Chair Batchelder on FY 15/16 School Budget
- ITEM 10:** Storm drain maintenance update

Old Business:

- 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 #20 and Town Payroll #21 School Payroll Warrant #21 & #22 and AP School Warrant #21 & #22.
- ITEM 15:** Adjournment

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Agenda Items

For April 27, 2015

Council Meeting

ITEM 7: Orono's Park and Recreation Director Mitch Stone will return to continue the discussion on the funding request that was presented at the April 13, 2015 Council meeting

ITEM 8: Joe Lane who is the property manager for 1033 School Street will present his timeline for removal of the buildings located at 1055 School Street that have been determined to be dangerous buildings. The buildings are supposed to be removed by May 1, 2015, but Mr. Lane is requesting additional time.

ITEM 9: Veazie Community School Supt. Lyons and School Committee Chair Batchelder will speak to the Council on FY 15/16 School Budget.

ITEM 10: Barney Silver will discuss the budget numbers with the Council to repair a majority of the storm drains that have been identified as critical and need maintenance.

Veazie Town Council Meeting
April 13th, 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, Economic Development Committee Chair Patricia Rice, Orono Parks & Recreation Director Mitch Stone, Orono Asst. Manager Belle Ryder, Penobscot River Race director Scott Philips and various members of the public.

Members Absent:

None

ITEM 1: Call to order

Chairman Tammy Perry called the meeting to order at 6:35pm.

ITEM 2: Secretary to do the roll call:

All present.

ITEM 3: Pledge of Allegiance

ITEM 4: Consideration of the Agenda

Chairman Perry would like to table Item #12 Mutton Lane Discussion and change it to #12 Letter to school requesting more information.

ITEM 5: Approval of the March 30th, 2015 Council Meeting Minutes and Special Workshop Minutes.

Councilor Robert Rice made a motion, seconded by Councilor David King to accept the March 30th, 2015 Council Meeting Minutes as written. Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried.

Councilor Robert Rice made a motion, seconded by Councilor Karen Walker to accept the March 30th, 2015 Special Workshop Meeting Minutes as written. Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried.

ITEM 6: Comments from the public

None

New Business:

ITEM 7: Orono Parks & Recreation Presentation

Mitch Stone updated the Council on the recreation programs. They are requesting \$10,000 be budgeted for this program. The Council would like Mr. Stone to provide an approximate breakdown on what the \$10,000 will be used for.

ITEM 8: Penobscot River Race Discussion

Scott Phillips updated the Council on the upcoming plans for the Penobscot River Race. The race will take place July 23rd – 26th. Information will be posted as the date gets closer.

ITEM 9: Economic Development Committee

Patricia Rice updated the Council on what the Committee has accomplished so far. Their next meeting will be May 6th.

ITEM 10: Revenue Sharing Resolution

Councilor Robert Rice made a motion, seconded by Councilor Karen Walker to accept the resolution with a change in the 3rd paragraph to read Whereas, the proposal to suspend municipal revenue sharing for FY2016 would result in a substantial revenue loss to the Town of Veazie. Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried.

Old Business:**ITEM 11: Community Center Discussion**

Manager Leonard reviewed the information requested by the Council regarding the TIF district. Manager Leonard will continue to gather more estimates for work to be done on the building. This will be discussed at a later time.

ITEM 12: School Letter requesting more Info.

Chairman Perry wanted to send the school a letter in reference to the previous budget requests which include their complete fund and reserve balances, breakdown of actual expenses month by month, transition plan for the new principal, breakdown of article 9-Maintenance and per pupil cost comparing Veazie with like communities.

ITEM 13: Crowe Property Discussion

The Council would like Joe Lane to attend the April 27th Council Meeting to discuss his timeline showing how and when he is going to get things done at the School St. property.

ITEM 14: Manager's Report

Manager Leonard reviewed his report with the Councilor's.

We had to change the Budget Meeting that was scheduled for April 16th to April 23rd.

ITEM 15: Comments from the Public

Citizen Joan Perkins updated the Council on the Water District.

ITEM 16: Requests for information and Town Council Comments

There were a few comments made regarding an Arbor Day Celebration and the status of our storm drains. Manager Leonard will follow up with Tom Davis on the land swap status and to set a date for the universal household waste collection, Spring clean up and leaf and brush pick up.

ITEM 17: Review & sign of AP Town Warrant #19 and Town Payroll #19 & #20, School Payroll Warrant #21 and AP School Warrant #21.

The warrants were circulated and signed.

ITEM 18: Adjournment

Councilor David King motioned to adjourn

Councilor Karen Walker seconded. No discussion. Voted 5-0-0

Motion carried.

Adjourned at 8:21pm

A True Copy Attest

Julie Strout

Deputy Clerk

ITEM # 9

FY15

FY16 Proposed

\$ inc/(dec)

% inc/(dec)

Expenditures:

| | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|--------------|------------------------|
| 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% |
| Total Expenses: | 4,255,505.63 | 4,248,289.69 | (7,215.94) | -0.17% |
| less proposed reductions: | | <u>(499,201.28)</u> | | |
| Revised Total: | | 3,749,088.41 | (506,417.22) | -11.90% gross increase |

Revenues:

| | | | | |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| 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> | -9.10% |
| 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> | -17.73% |
| 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% |
| plus/minus adjustment to fund balance: | | <u>201,859.46</u> | | |
| Revised total: | | 556,859.46 | 246,859.46 | 79.63% |
| 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>282,095.60</u> | <u>(582,938.00)</u> | -67.39% |
| Total Local Share: | 2,714,263.60 | 2,214,263.60 | (500,000.00) | -18.42% net increase |
| Total Revenues: | 4,255,505.63 | 3,749,088.41 | (506,417.22) | -11.90% |

presented @ meeting
4/22/15

Maine Revised Statutes
Title 20-A: EDUCATION

Chapter 222: STANDARDS AND ASSESSMENT OF STUDENT
PERFORMANCE HEADING: PL 2001, c. 454, §26 (rpr)

§6209. SYSTEM OF LEARNING RESULTS ESTABLISHED

The department in consultation with the state board shall establish and implement a comprehensive, statewide system of learning results, which may include a core of standards in English language arts and mathematics for kindergarten to grade 12 established in common with the other states, as set forth in this section and in department rules implementing this section and other curricular requirements. The department must establish accountability standards at all grade levels in the areas of mathematics; reading; and science and technology. The department shall establish parameters for essential instruction and graduation requirements in English language arts; mathematics; science and technology; social studies; career and education development; visual and performing arts; health, physical education and wellness; and world languages. Only students in a public school or a private school approved for tuition that enrolls at least 60% publicly funded students, as determined by the previous school year's October and April average enrollment, are required to participate in the system of learning results set forth in this section and in department rules implementing this section and other curricular requirements. The commissioner shall develop accommodation provisions for instances where course content conflicts with sincerely held religious beliefs and practices of a student's parent or guardian. The system must be adapted to accommodate children with disabilities as defined in section 7001, subsection 1-A. [2009, c. 647, §1 (AMD).]

1. Guiding principles.

[2007, c. 259, §5 (RP) .]

1-A. Accountability standards. Each student must be assessed by means of a statewide assessment in the following areas:

A. Reading; [2007, c. 259, §5 (NEW).]

B. Mathematics; and [2007, c. 259, §5 (NEW).]

C. Science, in those content areas concerning cells and continuity and change. [2007, c. 259, §5 (NEW) .]

[2007, c. 259, §5 (NEW) .]

2. Parameters for essential instruction and graduation requirements. Each student shall study and achieve proficiency in the areas of:

A. Career and education development; [2007, c. 259, §5 (AMD).]

B. English language arts; [1995, c. 649, §1 (NEW).]

C. World languages; [2007, c. 259, §5 (AMD).]

D. Health, physical education and wellness; [2007, c. 259, §5 (AMD).]

E. Mathematics; [1995, c. 649, §1 (NEW).]

F. Science and technology; [1995, c. 649, §1 (NEW).]

G. Social studies; and [1995, c. 649, §1 (NEW).]

H. Visual and performing arts. [1995, c. 649, §1 (NEW).]

[2007, c. 259, §5 (AMD) .]

Veazie School Committee
FY16 Budget Reduction of \$500,000
Potential Impact
April 22, 2015

Goal : keep all grades in Veazie

1 Classroom teacher
Middle school sports and co-curricular (elimination)
.5 FTE Middle school foreign language (elimination)
.4 FTE Speech & language (reduction from 1 FTE to .6 FTE)
.2 FTE Literacy specialist (reduction from 1 FTE to .8 FTE)
.5 FTE Classroom music instructor (elimination)
.2 FTE Instrumental music instructor (elimination)
.5 FTE Art instructor (elimination)
1 FTE Physical education & health instructor (elimination)
.8 FTE Guidance counselor (elimination)
.4 FTE Technology specialist (elimination)
Technology hardware
Books & Supplies
1 FTE Library educational technician (elimination)
.35 FTE Nurse (elimination)
Maintenance

Note: "elimination" = elimination of entire program / department

- 1 The trial balance for the school department accounts is included. This shows all activities for all accounts in all funds. The funds are:

| <u>Fund Code</u> | <u>Name</u> | <u>Notes</u> |
|------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| 1000 | General Fund | The "budget" |
| 2232 | Proficiency-Based Program | state grant |
| 2300 | Title IA | federal grant for literacy |
| 2470 | Local Entitlement | federal grant for special education |
| 2700 | Title IIA | federal grant for professional development |
| 6000 | School Lunch | all activities related to Food Service |
| 9900 | Student Activity - VZ Community Schl. | represents the "checkbook" in the VCS office |
| | | all transactions must be run through this fund in the accounting system. |

Other notes: *Fund code is the first set of numbers (4 digits) in the budget code string.

*The general fund balance account does not change until the end of the year when the revenue and expense activity is closed into it. It stands at \$556,859.46 as of 7/1/15, after \$310,000 was transferred to a revenue account per the approved structure of the FY15 budget.

*There are no "reserve funds".

- 2 Latest figures available through the DOE website are for FY13, Yeazie was included in RSU26 per pupil costs:

| Historical per-pupil costs: | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|-------|--------|-------|-----------|-----------|
| RSU26 | FY13: | 11,343 | FY09: | Yeazie | 13,419 |
| | FY12: | 11,466 | | Dedham | 9,633 |
| | FY11: | 11,595 | | Glenburn | 10,189 |
| | FY10: | 10,977 | | Greenbush | 9,353 |
| | | | | | Orrington |
| | | | | | Otis |
| | | | | | 9,431 |
| | | | | | 11,217 |
| | | | | | 8,440 |
| | | | | | 9,131 |

FULL DATA TABLES AVAILABLE AT:

<http://www.maine.gov/education/data/ppcosts/index.html>

3 Detailed monthly expense history reports are attached. The expenses are reported by fund and by budget code.

ALL Veazie School Department invoices, check registers and payroll registers are available for reference at the Veazie Town Office.

4 Superintendent Lyons will be preparing the New Principal transition plan.

5 Assuming this means FY16 proposed budget, Article 9 - Maintenance is attached.
Questions on the construct of these budget lines and supporting information is available through Emil Genest and Scott Nichols.

Breakdown of Veazie School Department fund balance:

4/22/15

| | | |
|-------|---------------------|--|
| | 866,859.46 | <u>Audited fund balance derived from:</u> Veazie's share of RSU26 fund balance at 6/30/13 AND Veazie School Department FY14 activity |
| LESS: | <u>(310,000.00)</u> | Approved use of fund balance as revenue to help fund FY15 Veazie School Department budget. |
| | 556,859.46 | Subtotal - known amount to work with when planning amount to use to fund FY16 Budget |
| LESS: | <u>(355,000.00)</u> | Proposed use of fund balance as revenue to help fund FY16 Veazie School Department budget. |
| | 201,859.46 | Potential Remaining Balance to be used towards future budgets (1) |
| LESS: | <u>(201,859.46)</u> | Budget directive from Town Council |
| | 0.00 | Potential Remaining Balance to be used towards future budgets (2) |

Veazie School Department FY16 Budget Request

Report # 3187

| 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 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 |

Veazie School Department Trial Balance

Report # 3193

Account Groups: (First) - (Last)
Accounts: (First) - (Last)
Dates: 07/01/2014 - 06/30/2015
Book Type: Actual
Sort By: Account Number
Detail Option: No Detail
Include Zero Activity Accounts: No
Subtotal First Account Segment: Yes
Select Accounts Utility: No

| Account Number | Description | Class | Beginning Balance | Total Debits | Total Credits | Net Change | Ending Balance |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1000-0000-0000-10100-000 | CASH - GENERAL FUND | Asset | 1,106,143.53 | 2,924,046.23 | 3,054,987.74 | (130,941.51) | 975,202.02 |
| 1000-0000-0000-11530-000 | Accounts Receivable | Asset | 0.00 | 8,864.74 | 8,693.90 | 170.84 | 170.84 |
| 1000-0000-0000-12000-000 | Due from Other Government | Asset | 17,449.36 | 0.00 | 17,449.36 | (17,449.36) | 0.00 |
| 1000-0000-0000-20100-000 | Accounts Payable | Liability | (33,965.11) | 1,532,690.86 | 1,498,725.75 | 33,965.11 | 0.00 |
| 1000-0000-0000-20150-000 | Encumbrance Control | Liability | (426,117.36) | 550,365.64 | 139,680.52 | 410,685.12 | (15,432.24) |
| 1000-0000-0000-20160-000 | Reserve Encumbrance Control | Contra Net Asse | 426,117.36 | 93,749.72 | 504,434.84 | (410,685.12) | 15,432.24 |
| 1000-0000-0000-23010-000 | STATE WITHHOLDING | Liability | 0.00 | 13,778.07 | 13,778.07 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 1000-0000-0000-23020-000 | UNEMPLOYMENT | Liability | (211.30) | 837.70 | 0.00 | 837.70 | 626.40 |
| 1000-0000-0000-23050-000 | MePers - Employee Withholding | Liability | (2.21) | 30,648.32 | 34,839.13 | (4,190.81) | (4,193.02) |
| 1000-0000-0000-23051-000 | MePers - Emp'er Match | Liability | 0.00 | 10,365.69 | 12,124.46 | (1,758.77) | (1,758.77) |
| 1000-0000-0000-23053-000 | MePers - PLD Emp'ee Withholding | Liability | 0.00 | 547.16 | 567.51 | (20.35) | (20.35) |
| 1000-0000-0000-23054-000 | MePers - PLD Emp'ee Match | Liability | 0.00 | 609.68 | 632.35 | (22.67) | (22.67) |
| 1000-0000-0000-23054-000 | MePers - BASIC GLIP | Liability | (60.58) | 1,173.42 | 1,211.22 | (37.80) | (98.38) |
| 1000-0000-0000-23060-000 | MePers - Supplemental GLIP | Liability | (61.59) | 737.63 | 898.80 | (161.17) | (122.76) |
| 1000-0000-0000-23070-000 | MePers - Dependent GLIP | Liability | (16.03) | 367.75 | 229.45 | 138.30 | 122.27 |
| 1000-0000-0000-23100-000 | Authen BCBS Withheld | Liability | 0.00 | 125,371.88 | 95,218.45 | 30,153.43 | 30,153.43 |
| 1000-0000-0000-23120-000 | Delta Dental Withholding | Liability | 0.00 | 7,346.52 | 5,841.59 | 1,504.93 | 1,504.93 |
| 1000-0000-0000-23150-000 | MTA DUES | Liability | 0.00 | 4,525.42 | 4,525.42 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 1000-0000-0000-23710-000 | Agency Checks | Liability | 0.00 | 335,232.61 | 335,279.98 | (47.37) | (47.37) |
| 1000-0000-0000-23710-000 | WORKERS COMP | Liability | (444.54) | 6,980.46 | 7,172.35 | (191.89) | (636.43) |
| 1000-0000-0000-25210-000 | PAYROLL ACCRUAL | Liability | (197,694.44) | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | (197,694.44) |
| 1000-0000-0000-25223-000 | DTF TRANSITION GRANT | Liability | (3,085.12) | 3,701.25 | 3,026.83 | 674.42 | (2,410.70) |
| 1000-0000-0000-25230-000 | DTF Title IA | Liability | 0.00 | 29,530.25 | 29,530.25 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 1000-0000-0000-25247-000 | DTF Local Entitlement | Liability | (2,868.01) | 32,228.94 | 27,106.18 | 5,122.76 | 2,254.75 |
| 1000-0000-0000-25270-000 | DTF Title IIA | Liability | 0.00 | 4,055.88 | 2,570.88 | 1,485.00 | 1,485.00 |
| 1000-0000-0000-25600-000 | DTF Food Service | Liability | (18,324.50) | 57,119.01 | 37,573.98 | 19,545.03 | 1,220.53 |
| 1000-0000-0000-30100-000 | Fund Balance | Net Asset | (866,859.46) | 310,000.00 | 0.00 | 310,000.00 | (556,859.46) |
| 1000-0000-0000-30200-000 | Budgeted Fund Balance | Liability | 0.00 | 310,000.00 | 310,000.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 1000-0000-0000-41211-070 | Local Allocation - Veazie | Revenue | 0.00 | 72,086.13 | 1,459,008.63 | (1,386,922.50) | (1,386,922.50) |
| 1000-0000-0000-41213-070 | Additional Local Funds - Veazie | Revenue | 0.00 | 0.00 | 648,775.21 | (648,775.21) | (648,775.21) |
| 1000-0000-0000-41322-070 | Tuition - Elementary | Revenue | 0.00 | 0.00 | 13,792.50 | (13,792.50) | (13,792.50) |
| 1000-0000-0000-41325-070 | Tuition-Special Education Elementary | Revenue | 0.00 | 3,671.29 | 6,354.39 | (2,683.10) | (2,683.10) |
| 1000-0000-0000-41510-070 | Interest Income | Revenue | 0.00 | 0.00 | 870.42 | (870.42) | (870.42) |
| 1000-0000-0000-41984-070 | Refund Prior Year's Expenditures | Revenue | 0.00 | 0.00 | 615.01 | (615.01) | (615.01) |
| 1000-0000-0000-43110-070 | State Allocation - Veazie | Revenue | 0.00 | 0.00 | 646,618.95 | (646,618.95) | (646,618.95) |

Veazie School Department Trial Balance

| Account Number | Description | Class | Beginning Balance | Total Debits | Total Credits | Net Change | Ending Balance |
|--------------------------|---|-----------|-------------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|----------------|
| 1000-0000-0000-43111-000 | State Subsidy/Debt Service | Revenue | 0.00 | 0.00 | 315,438.47 | (315,438.47) | (315,438.47) |
| 1000-0000-0000-45000-070 | Veazie Balance Forward | Revenue | 0.00 | 0.00 | 310,000.00 | (310,000.00) | (310,000.00) |
| 1000-0000-0000-70000-000 | GENERAL JOURNAL OFFSET ACCOUN | Liability | 0.00 | 310,000.00 | 310,000.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 1000-0000-2120-51010-740 | Salary, Guidance Director | Expense | 0.00 | 36,504.21 | 1,648.06 | 34,856.15 | 34,856.15 |
| 1000-0000-2120-52010-740 | Benefits, Guidance Director | Expense | 0.00 | 160.25 | 7.09 | 153.16 | 153.16 |
| 1000-0000-2120-52110-740 | Insurance, Guidance Director | Expense | 0.00 | 1,112.31 | 0.00 | 1,112.31 | 1,112.31 |
| 1000-0000-2120-52210-740 | Medicare, Guidance Director | Expense | 0.00 | 540.16 | 23.90 | 516.26 | 516.26 |
| 1000-0000-2120-52310-740 | Retirement, Guidance Director | Expense | 0.00 | 914.64 | 40.36 | 874.28 | 874.28 |
| 1000-0000-2120-50400-740 | Books, Guidance | Expense | 0.00 | 179.10 | 0.00 | 179.10 | 179.10 |
| 1000-0000-2130-51010-760 | Salary, Nurse | Expense | 0.00 | 19,364.10 | 889.30 | 18,474.80 | 18,474.80 |
| 1000-0000-2130-52010-760 | Benefits, Nurse | Expense | 0.00 | 80.82 | 3.82 | 77.00 | 77.00 |
| 1000-0000-2130-52110-760 | Insurance, Nurse | Expense | 0.00 | 690.68 | 0.00 | 690.68 | 690.68 |
| 1000-0000-2130-52210-760 | Medicare, Nurse | Expense | 0.00 | 285.45 | 12.89 | 272.56 | 272.56 |
| 1000-0000-2130-52310-760 | Retirement, Nurse | Expense | 0.00 | 490.00 | 22.12 | 467.88 | 467.88 |
| 1000-0000-2130-53300-760 | Professional Development, Nurse | Expense | 0.00 | 126.00 | 0.00 | 126.00 | 126.00 |
| 1000-0000-2130-56000-760 | Supplies, Nurse | Expense | 0.00 | 707.57 | 0.00 | 707.57 | 707.57 |
| 1000-0000-2210-51010-760 | Salary, Curriculum | Expense | 0.00 | 4,076.37 | 253.04 | 3,823.33 | 3,823.33 |
| 1000-0000-2210-52010-760 | Benefits, Curriculum | Expense | 0.00 | 104.50 | 0.00 | 104.50 | 104.50 |
| 1000-0000-2210-52210-760 | Medicare, Curriculum | Expense | 0.00 | 59.17 | 3.67 | 55.50 | 55.50 |
| 1000-0000-2210-52310-760 | Retirement, Curriculum | Expense | 0.00 | 101.33 | 0.00 | 101.33 | 101.33 |
| 1000-0000-2210-55800-760 | Employee Travel, Curriculum | Expense | 0.00 | 97.44 | 0.00 | 97.44 | 97.44 |
| 1000-0000-2210-58100-760 | Dues & Fees, Curriculum | Expense | 0.00 | 95.00 | 0.00 | 95.00 | 95.00 |
| 1000-0000-2213-58100-140 | Dues & Fees, Improve. of Instr. | Expense | 0.00 | 4,380.22 | 0.00 | 4,380.22 | 4,380.22 |
| 1000-0000-2213-58930-140 | Certification, Improv. Instr. | Expense | 0.00 | 650.00 | 0.00 | 650.00 | 650.00 |
| 1000-0000-2220-51020-740 | Salary, Ed Tech, Library | Expense | 0.00 | 20,706.89 | 0.00 | 20,706.89 | 20,706.89 |
| 1000-0000-2220-52020-740 | Benefits, Ed Tech, Library | Expense | 0.00 | 89.02 | 0.00 | 89.02 | 89.02 |
| 1000-0000-2220-52120-740 | Insurance, Ed Tech, Library | Expense | 0.00 | 6,415.55 | 0.00 | 6,415.55 | 6,415.55 |
| 1000-0000-2220-52220-740 | Medicare, Ed Tech, Library | Expense | 0.00 | 300.29 | 0.00 | 300.29 | 300.29 |
| 1000-0000-2220-52320-740 | Retirement, Ed Tech, Library | Expense | 0.00 | 548.73 | 0.00 | 548.73 | 548.73 |
| 1000-0000-2220-56100-740 | Supplies, Library | Expense | 0.00 | 814.17 | 0.00 | 814.17 | 814.17 |
| 1000-0000-2220-56400-740 | Books & Periodicals, Library | Expense | 0.00 | 5,334.45 | 0.00 | 5,334.45 | 5,334.45 |
| 1000-0000-2220-56600-740 | AV Supplies, Library | Expense | 0.00 | 1,134.84 | 0.00 | 1,134.84 | 1,134.84 |
| 1000-0000-2230-51040-760 | Salary, Tech Specialist | Expense | 0.00 | 22,719.04 | 851.67 | 21,867.37 | 21,867.37 |
| 1000-0000-2230-51500-760 | Stipend, Technology | Expense | 0.00 | 1,178.88 | 73.68 | 1,105.20 | 1,105.20 |
| 1000-0000-2230-52000-760 | Benefits, Stipends, Technology | Expense | 0.00 | 29.50 | 0.00 | 29.50 | 29.50 |
| 1000-0000-2230-52040-760 | Benefits, Tech Specialist | Expense | 0.00 | 99.24 | 3.66 | 95.58 | 95.58 |
| 1000-0000-2230-52110-760 | Health/Dental/Cash- Tech Coord (K-8) Vz | Expense | 0.00 | 62.49 | 62.49 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 1000-0000-2230-52140-760 | Insurance, Tech Specialist | Expense | 0.00 | 697.02 | 0.00 | 697.02 | 697.02 |
| 1000-0000-2230-52240-760 | Medicare, Tech Specialist | Expense | 0.00 | 343.81 | 13.12 | 330.69 | 330.69 |
| 1000-0000-2230-52300-760 | Retirement, Stipends, Technology | Expense | 0.00 | 29.25 | 0.00 | 29.25 | 29.25 |

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| Account Number | Description | Class | Beginning Balance | Total Debits | Total Credits | Net Change | Ending Balance |
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| 1000-0000-2230-53500-760 | Contracted Services, Technology | Expense | 0.00 | 5,561.00 | 0.00 | 5,561.00 | 5,561.00 |
| 1000-0000-2230-54320-760 | Tech Related Repairs | Expense | 0.00 | 223.50 | 0.00 | 223.50 | 223.50 |
| 1000-0000-2230-56500-760 | Tech-related Supplies, Technology | Expense | 0.00 | 1,523.89 | 0.00 | 1,523.89 | 1,523.89 |
| 1000-0000-2230-57341-760 | Tech-related Hardware, Technology | Expense | 0.00 | 16,334.48 | 0.00 | 16,334.48 | 16,334.48 |
| 1000-0000-2230-57351-760 | Tech-related Software, Technology | Expense | 0.00 | 146.50 | 0.00 | 146.50 | 146.50 |
| 1000-0000-2310-51180-760 | School Committee Sec (K-8) Vz | Expense | 0.00 | 75.00 | 75.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 1000-0000-2310-51500-760 | Stipends, School Committee | Expense | 0.00 | 1,025.00 | 0.00 | 1,025.00 | 1,025.00 |
| 1000-0000-2310-52000-760 | Benefits, School Committee | Expense | 0.00 | 4.41 | 0.00 | 4.41 | 4.41 |
| 1000-0000-2310-52200-760 | SS/Medicare, School Committee | Expense | 0.00 | 78.41 | 0.00 | 78.41 | 78.41 |
| 1000-0000-2310-53450-760 | Legal Services, School Committee | Expense | 0.00 | 4,278.16 | 0.00 | 4,278.16 | 4,278.16 |
| 1000-0000-2310-53460-760 | Audit Services, School Committee | Expense | 0.00 | 4,200.00 | 0.00 | 4,200.00 | 4,200.00 |
| 1000-0000-2310-55210-760 | Liability Insurance, School Committee | Expense | 0.00 | 2,457.00 | 0.00 | 2,457.00 | 2,457.00 |
| 1000-0000-2310-55400-760 | Advertising, School Committee | Expense | 0.00 | 1,444.00 | 0.00 | 1,444.00 | 1,444.00 |
| 1000-0000-2310-55800-760 | Travel, School Committee | Expense | 0.00 | 134.00 | 0.00 | 134.00 | 134.00 |
| 1000-0000-2310-56900-760 | Miscellaneous, School Committee | Expense | 0.00 | 735.40 | 0.00 | 735.40 | 735.40 |
| 1000-0000-2320-53410-760 | Dues & Fees, School Committee | Expense | 0.00 | 5,199.91 | 2,167.19 | 3,032.72 | 3,032.72 |
| 1000-0000-2320-55800-760 | Administration - Assessment | Expense | 0.00 | 18,750.00 | 0.00 | 18,750.00 | 18,750.00 |
| 1000-0000-2400-51040-740 | Travel, Superintendent | Expense | 0.00 | 491.04 | 0.00 | 491.04 | 491.04 |
| 1000-0000-2400-51040-740 | Salary, Principal | Expense | 0.00 | 67,045.65 | 0.00 | 67,045.65 | 67,045.65 |
| 1000-0000-2400-51180-740 | Salary, Principal's Secretary | Expense | 0.00 | 21,467.20 | 0.00 | 21,467.20 | 21,467.20 |
| 1000-0000-2400-52040-740 | Benefits, Principal | Expense | 0.00 | 288.33 | 0.00 | 288.33 | 288.33 |
| 1000-0000-2400-52080-740 | Benefits, Secretary, Princ. Otc. | Expense | 0.00 | 92.31 | 0.00 | 92.31 | 92.31 |
| 1000-0000-2400-52140-740 | Insurances, Principal | Expense | 0.00 | 6,752.64 | 0.00 | 6,752.64 | 6,752.64 |
| 1000-0000-2400-52180-740 | Insurances, Secretary, Princ. Otc. | Expense | 0.00 | 13,412.39 | 814.03 | 12,598.36 | 12,598.36 |
| 1000-0000-2400-52240-740 | Medicare, Principal | Expense | 0.00 | 972.09 | 0.00 | 972.09 | 972.09 |
| 1000-0000-2400-52280-740 | SS/Med, Secretary, Princ. Otc. | Expense | 0.00 | 1,390.47 | 0.00 | 1,390.47 | 1,390.47 |
| 1000-0000-2400-52340-740 | Retirement, Principal | Expense | 0.00 | 1,776.81 | 0.00 | 1,776.81 | 1,776.81 |
| 1000-0000-2400-52380-740 | Retirement, Secretary, Princ. Otc. | Expense | 0.00 | 1,674.43 | 0.00 | 1,674.43 | 1,674.43 |
| 1000-0000-2400-53300-740 | Professional Development, Princ. Otc | Expense | 0.00 | 150.00 | 0.00 | 150.00 | 150.00 |
| 1000-0000-2400-54445-740 | Purchased Services, Principal's Otc. | Expense | 0.00 | 1,827.19 | 0.00 | 1,827.19 | 1,827.19 |
| 1000-0000-2400-55310-740 | Coper Lease, Principal's Office | Expense | 0.00 | 3,299.25 | 0.00 | 3,299.25 | 3,299.25 |
| 1000-0000-2400-55800-740 | Telephone & Postage, Principal's Otc. | Expense | 0.00 | 4,112.03 | 0.00 | 4,112.03 | 4,112.03 |
| 1000-0000-2400-56100-740 | Supplies, Principal's Otc. | Expense | 0.00 | 294.05 | 0.00 | 294.05 | 294.05 |
| 1000-0000-2400-56900-740 | Miscellaneous, Principal's Otc. | Expense | 0.00 | 496.22 | 0.00 | 496.22 | 496.22 |
| 1000-0000-2510-53400-760 | Dues & Fees, Principal's Otc. | Expense | 0.00 | 419.08 | 0.00 | 419.08 | 419.08 |
| 1000-0000-2600-54100-740 | Finance Office - Assessment | Expense | 0.00 | 34,500.00 | 0.00 | 34,500.00 | 34,500.00 |
| 1000-0000-2600-55210-740 | Water, Sewer & Trash | Expense | 0.00 | 3,303.91 | 0.00 | 3,303.91 | 3,303.91 |
| 1000-0000-2600-55210-740 | Insurance, Buildings & Contents | Expense | 0.00 | 9,576.00 | 0.00 | 9,576.00 | 9,576.00 |
| 1000-0000-2600-56210-740 | Energy - Natural Gas | Expense | 0.00 | 26,097.32 | 0.00 | 26,097.32 | 26,097.32 |

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| Account Number | Description | Class | Beginning Balance | Total Debits | Total Credits | Net Change | Ending Balance |
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| 1000-0000-2600-56220-740 | Energy - Electricity | Expense | 0.00 | 33,610.12 | 0.00 | 33,610.12 | 33,610.12 |
| 1000-0000-2600-56230-740 | Energy - Propane | Expense | 0.00 | 319.37 | 0.00 | 319.37 | 319.37 |
| 1000-0000-2610-54200-740 | Contracted Services - Custodial | Expense | 0.00 | 74,435.86 | 47.25 | 74,388.61 | 74,388.61 |
| 1000-0000-2610-54440-740 | Custodial EQ Rentals | Expense | 0.00 | 362.85 | 0.00 | 362.85 | 362.85 |
| 1000-0000-2610-56000-740 | Supplies, Custodial | Expense | 0.00 | 6,011.12 | 0.00 | 6,011.12 | 6,011.12 |
| 1000-0000-2620-54000-760 | Purchased Services, Maintenance | Expense | 0.00 | 16,439.73 | 0.00 | 16,439.73 | 16,439.73 |
| 1000-0000-2620-54300-760 | Grounds Maintenance | Expense | 0.00 | 400.00 | 0.00 | 400.00 | 400.00 |
| 1000-0000-2620-54310-760 | Repair & Maintenance Services | Expense | 0.00 | 19,915.82 | 1,834.84 | 18,080.98 | 18,080.98 |
| 1000-0000-2640-54300-760 | Equipment Repairs, Maintenance | Expense | 0.00 | 8,760.49 | 5,500.00 | 3,260.49 | 3,260.49 |
| 1000-0000-2700-55140-760 | Contracted Transportation Services | Expense | 0.00 | 90,222.24 | 0.00 | 90,222.24 | 90,222.24 |
| 1000-0000-2700-56260-760 | Diesel Fuel | Expense | 0.00 | 8,743.14 | 0.00 | 8,743.14 | 8,743.14 |
| 1000-0000-2750-55140-760 | Private transportation Sp/Ed | Expense | 0.00 | 13,369.76 | 0.00 | 13,369.76 | 13,369.76 |
| 1000-0000-3100-59100-760 | Support of School Lunch Program | Expense | 0.00 | 5,000.00 | 0.00 | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 |
| 1000-0000-5100-58310-760 | Debt Service - Principal | Expense | 0.00 | 268,295.00 | 0.00 | 268,295.00 | 268,295.00 |
| 1000-0000-5100-58320-760 | Debt Service - Interest | Expense | 0.00 | 48,079.73 | 0.00 | 48,079.73 | 48,079.73 |
| 1000-1100-1000-51010-150 | Salary, Teachers Grades 3-8 | Expense | 0.00 | 412,490.40 | 20,100.14 | 392,390.26 | 392,390.26 |
| 1000-1100-1000-51230-150 | Salary, Substitute, Teacher, Gr. 3-8 | Expense | 0.00 | 1,202.50 | 0.00 | 1,202.50 | 1,202.50 |
| 1000-1100-1000-52010-150 | Benefits, Teachers, Grades 3-8 | Expense | 0.00 | 1,774.52 | 83.83 | 1,690.69 | 1,690.69 |
| 1000-1100-1000-52030-150 | Benefits, Subs, Tchrs, Gr. 3-8 | Expense | 0.00 | 5.18 | 0.00 | 5.18 | 5.18 |
| 1000-1100-1000-52110-150 | Insurance, Teachers, Gr. 3-8 | Expense | 0.00 | 73,470.67 | 0.00 | 73,470.67 | 73,470.67 |
| 1000-1100-1000-52210-150 | Medicare, Teachers, Gr. 3-8 | Expense | 0.00 | 5,184.26 | 280.35 | 4,903.91 | 4,903.91 |
| 1000-1100-1000-52230-150 | Medicare, Subs, Teachers, Gr. 3-8 | Expense | 0.00 | 91.99 | 0.00 | 91.99 | 91.99 |
| 1000-1100-1000-52310-150 | Retirement, Teachers, Gr. 3-8 | Expense | 0.00 | 10,861.21 | 512.47 | 10,348.74 | 10,348.74 |
| 1000-1100-1000-52310-150 | Tuition Reimburse - Tchrs, Gr. 3-8 | Expense | 0.00 | 1,600.00 | 0.00 | 1,600.00 | 1,600.00 |
| 1000-1100-1000-52510-150 | Tuition to other SAUs, Gr. 3-8 | Expense | 0.00 | 5,162.02 | 0.00 | 5,162.02 | 5,162.02 |
| 1000-1100-1000-55610-150 | Travel, Teachers, Gr. 3-8 | Expense | 0.00 | 634.74 | 0.00 | 634.74 | 634.74 |
| 1000-1100-1000-55800-150 | Instructional supplies, Gr. 3-8 | Expense | 0.00 | 3,802.50 | 2,187.58 | 1,614.92 | 1,614.92 |
| 1000-1100-1000-56100-150 | Other supplies, Gr. 3-8 | Expense | 0.00 | 4,883.26 | 77.43 | 4,805.83 | 4,805.83 |
| 1000-1100-1000-56400-150 | Books, Gr. 3-8 | Expense | 0.00 | 8,480.95 | 0.00 | 8,480.95 | 8,480.95 |
| 1000-1100-1000-57300-150 | Equipment, Gr. 3-8 | Expense | 0.00 | 1,438.45 | 0.00 | 1,438.45 | 1,438.45 |
| 1000-1100-1000-51010-140 | Salaries, Teachers, Gr. K-2 | Expense | 0.00 | 298,251.39 | 12,027.64 | 286,223.75 | 286,223.75 |
| 1000-1120-1000-51020-140 | Salaries, Ed Tech, Gr. K-2 | Expense | 0.00 | 4,822.79 | 0.00 | 4,822.79 | 4,822.79 |
| 1000-1120-1000-51230-140 | Salaries, Substitutes, Tchrs, Gr. K-2 | Expense | 0.00 | 3,675.86 | 0.00 | 3,675.86 | 3,675.86 |
| 1000-1120-1000-52010-140 | Benefits, Teachers, Gr. K-2 | Expense | 0.00 | 1,295.85 | 51.72 | 1,244.13 | 1,244.13 |
| 1000-1120-1000-52020-140 | Benefits, Ed Tchrs, Gr. K-2 | Expense | 0.00 | 170.23 | 0.00 | 170.23 | 170.23 |
| 1000-1120-1000-52030-140 | Benefits, Subs, Tchrs, Gr. K-2 | Expense | 0.00 | 15.83 | 0.00 | 15.83 | 15.83 |
| 1000-1120-1000-52110-140 | Insurances, Teachers, Gr. K-2 | Expense | 0.00 | 79,578.77 | 500.00 | 79,078.77 | 79,078.77 |
| 1000-1120-1000-52120-140 | Insurances, Ed Tchrs, Gr. K-2 | Expense | 0.00 | 1,076.13 | 0.00 | 1,076.13 | 1,076.13 |
| 1000-1120-1000-52210-140 | Medicare, Teachers, Gr. K-2 | Expense | 0.00 | 4,148.90 | 167.36 | 3,981.54 | 3,981.54 |
| 1000-1120-1000-52220-140 | Medicare, Ed Tech, Gr. K-2 | Expense | 0.00 | 68.27 | 0.00 | 68.27 | 68.27 |

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| Account Number | Description | Class | Beginning Balance | Total Debits | Total Credits | Net Change | Ending Balance |
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| 1000-1120-1000-52230-140 | SS/Med. Subs. Tchrs. Gr. K-2 | Expense | 0.00 | 252.81 | 0.00 | 252.81 | 252.81 |
| 1000-1120-1000-52310-140 | Retirement. Teachers. Gr. K-2 | Expense | 0.00 | 7,892.97 | 318.06 | 7,574.91 | 7,574.91 |
| 1000-1120-1000-52330-140 | Retirement. Subs. Tchrs. Gr. K-2 | Expense | 0.00 | 4.80 | 0.00 | 4.80 | 4.80 |
| 1000-1120-1000-52510-140 | Tuition Reimbn. Teachers. Gr. K-2 | Expense | 0.00 | 1,697.43 | 0.00 | 1,697.43 | 1,697.43 |
| 1000-1120-1000-56100-140 | Instructional supplies. Gr. K-2 | Expense | 0.00 | 1,164.42 | 11.56 | 1,152.86 | 1,152.86 |
| 1000-1120-1000-56110-140 | Other supplies. Gr. K-2 | Expense | 0.00 | 2,214.89 | 0.00 | 2,214.89 | 2,214.89 |
| 1000-1120-1000-56400-140 | Books. Gr. K-2 | Expense | 0.00 | 3,856.16 | 0.00 | 3,856.16 | 3,856.16 |
| 1000-1200-1000-55610-340 | Tuition paid other SAU's. Secondary | Expense | 0.00 | 277,405.08 | 3,939.28 | 273,465.80 | 273,465.80 |
| 1000-1200-1000-55630-340 | Tuition Paid to Private Schls. Secondary | Expense | 0.00 | 325,457.83 | 3,069.96 | 322,387.87 | 322,387.87 |
| 1000-1200-1000-55680-340 | Insured Value Factor | Expense | 0.00 | 18,653.10 | 153.50 | 18,499.60 | 18,499.60 |
| 1000-2100-1025-55630-940 | Tuition Paid to other SAU's. 3-8 Sp/Ed | Expense | 0.00 | 60,008.92 | 0.00 | 60,008.92 | 60,008.92 |
| 1000-2100-1026-55630-990 | Tuition Paid to Other SAU's. Sec.. Sp/Ed | Expense | 0.00 | 51,978.43 | 0.00 | 51,978.43 | 51,978.43 |
| 1000-2200-1000-51010-940 | Salaries. Teachers. RR | Expense | 0.00 | 97,362.31 | 9,579.27 | 87,783.04 | 87,783.04 |
| 1000-2200-1000-51020-940 | Salaries. Ed Tchrs. RR | Expense | 0.00 | 107,077.53 | 408.93 | 106,668.60 | 106,668.60 |
| 1000-2200-1000-51210-940 | Salaries. Tutors. RR | Expense | 0.00 | 60.90 | 0.00 | 60.90 | 60.90 |
| 1000-2200-1000-51230-940 | Salaries. Substitutes. Tch. RR | Expense | 0.00 | 4,972.50 | 0.00 | 4,972.50 | 4,972.50 |
| 1000-2200-1000-52010-940 | Benefits. Teachers. RR | Expense | 0.00 | 394.60 | 17.10 | 377.50 | 377.50 |
| 1000-2200-1000-52020-940 | Benefits. Ed Tchrs. RR | Expense | 0.00 | 465.16 | 154.07 | 311.09 | 311.09 |
| 1000-2200-1000-52030-940 | Benefits. Substitutes. Tchrs. RR | Expense | 0.00 | 21.42 | 0.00 | 21.42 | 21.42 |
| 1000-2200-1000-52031-940 | Benefits. Tutors. RR | Expense | 0.00 | 1.14 | 0.00 | 1.14 | 1.14 |
| 1000-2200-1000-52110-940 | Insurances. Teachers. RR | Expense | 0.00 | 31,955.40 | 219.90 | 31,735.50 | 31,735.50 |
| 1000-2200-1000-52120-940 | Insurances. Ed Tech. RR | Expense | 0.00 | 36,879.05 | 0.00 | 36,879.05 | 36,879.05 |
| 1000-2200-1000-52210-940 | Medicare. Teacher. RR | Expense | 0.00 | 1,272.29 | 54.72 | 1,217.57 | 1,217.57 |
| 1000-2200-1000-52220-940 | Medicare. Ed Tech. RR | Expense | 0.00 | 1,705.37 | 5.93 | 1,699.44 | 1,699.44 |
| 1000-2200-1000-52230-940 | SS/Med. Substitute. Tch. RR | Expense | 0.00 | 96.29 | 0.00 | 96.29 | 96.29 |
| 1000-2200-1000-52310-940 | Retirement. Teachers. RR | Expense | 0.00 | 2,431.56 | 105.34 | 2,326.22 | 2,326.22 |
| 1000-2200-1000-52320-940 | Retirement. Ed Tech. RR | Expense | 0.00 | 2,938.20 | 3.95 | 2,934.25 | 2,934.25 |
| 1000-2200-1000-52330-940 | Retirement. Subs. Tchrs. RR | Expense | 0.00 | 121.46 | 0.00 | 121.46 | 121.46 |
| 1000-2200-1000-52300-940 | Professional Development. RR | Expense | 0.00 | 700.00 | 0.00 | 700.00 | 700.00 |
| 1000-2200-1000-56100-940 | Instructional Supplies. RR | Expense | 0.00 | 161.42 | 0.00 | 161.42 | 161.42 |
| 1000-2400-1000-53440-940 | Homebound/Hospital Cont. Svcs. K-8 | Expense | 0.00 | 785.45 | 0.00 | 785.45 | 785.45 |
| 1000-2500-2330-53400-760 | Special Services Admin..- Assessment | Expense | 0.00 | 48,750.00 | 0.00 | 48,750.00 | 48,750.00 |
| 1000-2800-2140-53400-940 | Contracted Services. Psych. K-8 | Expense | 0.00 | 4,560.94 | 0.00 | 4,560.94 | 4,560.94 |
| 1000-2800-2150-51010-940 | Salary. Teacher. Sp/Lang | Expense | 0.00 | 54,523.16 | 2,401.54 | 52,061.62 | 52,061.62 |
| 1000-2800-2150-52010-940 | Benefits. Teachers. Sp/Lang | Expense | 0.00 | 234.36 | 10.58 | 223.78 | 223.78 |
| 1000-2800-2150-52110-940 | Insurances. Teachers. Sp/Lang | Expense | 0.00 | 15,881.06 | 0.00 | 15,881.06 | 15,881.06 |
| 1000-2800-2150-52210-940 | Medicare. Teachers. Sp/Lang | Expense | 0.00 | 771.31 | 34.73 | 736.58 | 736.58 |
| 1000-2800-2150-52310-940 | Retirement. Teachers. Sp/Lang | Expense | 0.00 | 1,444.82 | 65.23 | 1,379.59 | 1,379.59 |
| 1000-2800-2150-53300-940 | Professional Development. Tch. Sp/Lang | Expense | 0.00 | 464.28 | 0.00 | 464.28 | 464.28 |
| 1000-2800-2150-53440-990 | Contracted Services. Sp/Lang. Secondary | Expense | 0.00 | 209.64 | 0.00 | 209.64 | 209.64 |

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| Account Number | Description | Class | Beginning Balance | Total Debits | Total Credits | Net Change | Ending Balance |
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| 1000-2800-2150-55800-940 | Travel, Sp/Lang. | Expense | 0.00 | 328.99 | 0.00 | 328.99 | 328.99 |
| 1000-2800-2150-56100-940 | Instructional Supplies, Sp/Lang. | Expense | 0.00 | 204.93 | 0.00 | 204.93 | 204.93 |
| 1000-2800-2150-56400-940 | Books, Sp/Lang. | Expense | 0.00 | 52.25 | 0.00 | 52.25 | 52.25 |
| 1000-2800-2150-58100-940 | Dues & Fees, Sp/Lang. | Expense | 0.00 | 360.00 | 0.00 | 360.00 | 360.00 |
| 1000-2800-2160-53440-940 | Contracted Services, OT, K-8 | Expense | 0.00 | 7,522.75 | 0.00 | 7,522.75 | 7,522.75 |
| 1000-2810-1000-51010-940 | Salary, Teacher, Sp/Ed Summer Program | Expense | 0.00 | 5,011.25 | 0.00 | 5,011.25 | 5,011.25 |
| 1000-2810-1000-51020-940 | Salary, Ed Tech, Sp/Ed Summer Program | Expense | 0.00 | 3,510.71 | 0.00 | 3,510.71 | 3,510.71 |
| 1000-2810-1000-52010-940 | Benefits, Teachers, Sp/Ed Summer Program | Expense | 0.00 | 94.17 | 0.00 | 94.17 | 94.17 |
| 1000-2810-1000-52020-940 | Benefits, Ed Techs, Sp/Ed Summer Program | Expense | 0.00 | 63.79 | 0.00 | 63.79 | 63.79 |
| 1000-2810-1000-52210-940 | Medicare, Tech, Sp/Ed Summer Program | Expense | 0.00 | 72.68 | 0.00 | 72.68 | 72.68 |
| 1000-2810-1000-52220-940 | Medicare, Ed Tech, Sp/Ed Summer Program | Expense | 0.00 | 50.91 | 0.00 | 50.91 | 50.91 |
| 1000-2810-1000-52310-940 | Retirement, Techs, Sp/Ed Summer Program | Expense | 0.00 | 132.81 | 0.00 | 132.81 | 132.81 |
| 1000-2810-1000-52320-940 | Retirement, Ed Tech, Sp/Ed Summer Prog. | Expense | 0.00 | 18.50 | 0.00 | 18.50 | 18.50 |
| 1000-2810-1000-56100-940 | Supplies, Sp/Ed Summer Program | Expense | 0.00 | 322.54 | 0.00 | 322.54 | 322.54 |
| 1000-2900-1000-51010-940 | Salary, Teacher, GT | Expense | 0.00 | 3,230.52 | 0.00 | 3,230.52 | 3,230.52 |
| 1000-2900-1000-52010-940 | Benefits, Teacher, GT | Expense | 0.00 | 13.91 | 0.00 | 13.91 | 13.91 |
| 1000-2900-1000-52110-920 | Teacher insurances GT (K-5) Asst | Expense | 0.00 | 231.52 | 231.52 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 1000-2900-1000-52210-940 | Insurances, Teacher, GT | Expense | 0.00 | 926.08 | 0.00 | 926.08 | 926.08 |
| 1000-2900-1000-52310-940 | Medicare, Teacher, GT | Expense | 0.00 | 46.87 | 0.00 | 46.87 | 46.87 |
| 1000-2900-1000-56100-940 | Retirement, Teacher, GT | Expense | 0.00 | 94.10 | 0.00 | 94.10 | 94.10 |
| 1000-2900-1000-58100-940 | Instructional Supplies, GT | Expense | 0.00 | 21.04 | 0.00 | 21.04 | 21.04 |
| 1000-3000-1000-55640-992 | Dues & Fees, GT | Expense | 0.00 | 119.00 | 0.00 | 119.00 | 119.00 |
| 1000-4100-1000-51010-940 | Regional UTC Assessment, Secondary | Expense | 0.00 | 22,767.30 | 0.00 | 22,767.30 | 22,767.30 |
| 1000-4100-1000-51010-940 | Salary, Teacher, ESL | Expense | 0.00 | 2,216.55 | 86.90 | 2,129.65 | 2,129.65 |
| 1000-4100-1000-52010-940 | Benefits, Teachers, ESL | Expense | 0.00 | 9.74 | 0.37 | 9.37 | 9.37 |
| 1000-4100-1000-52110-940 | Insurances, Teachers, ESL | Expense | 0.00 | 56.22 | 0.00 | 56.22 | 56.22 |
| 1000-4100-1000-52210-940 | Medicare, Teacher, ESL | Expense | 0.00 | 33.00 | 1.26 | 31.74 | 31.74 |
| 1000-4100-1000-52310-940 | Retirement, Teacher, ESL | Expense | 0.00 | 54.70 | 2.05 | 52.65 | 52.65 |
| 1000-4100-1000-52310-940 | Adult Ed UTC Assessment | Expense | 0.00 | 1,257.00 | 0.00 | 1,257.00 | 1,257.00 |
| 1000-6300-3000-55640-500 | Stipends, Co-Curricular | Expense | 0.00 | 3,139.41 | 80.97 | 3,058.44 | 3,058.44 |
| 1000-9100-1000-52200-740 | Benefits, Co-Curricular | Expense | 0.00 | 95.65 | 0.00 | 95.65 | 95.65 |
| 1000-9100-1000-52300-740 | SS/Med, Stipends, Co-Curricular | Expense | 0.00 | 45.49 | 1.17 | 44.32 | 44.32 |
| 1000-9100-1000-52300-740 | Retirement, Stipend, Co-Curricular | Expense | 0.00 | 61.22 | 0.00 | 61.22 | 61.22 |
| 1000-9100-1000-56100-740 | Supplies, Co-Curricular | Expense | 0.00 | 753.58 | 0.00 | 753.58 | 753.58 |
| 1000-9100-1000-58900-740 | Miscellaneous, Co-Curricular | Expense | 0.00 | 535.00 | 0.00 | 535.00 | 535.00 |
| 1000-9200-1000-51500-740 | Stipend, Coach, Extra-Curricular | Expense | 0.00 | 12,338.32 | 1,003.33 | 11,334.99 | 11,334.99 |
| 1000-9200-1000-52000-740 | Benefits, Coach, Extra-Curricular | Expense | 0.00 | 319.92 | 0.00 | 319.92 | 319.92 |
| 1000-9200-1000-52200-740 | SS/Med, Coach, Extra-Curricular | Expense | 0.00 | 288.08 | 59.92 | 228.16 | 228.16 |
| 1000-9200-1000-52300-740 | Retirement, Coach, Extra-Curricular | Expense | 0.00 | 296.79 | 0.00 | 296.79 | 296.79 |
| 1000-9200-1000-53000-740 | Purchased Services, Extra-Curr. | Expense | 0.00 | 3,160.00 | 480.00 | 2,680.00 | 2,680.00 |

Veazie School Department Trial Balance

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| Account Number | Description | Class | Beginning Balance | Total Debits | Total Credits | Net Change | Ending Balance |
|--------------------------|--|-----------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|-------------|----------------|
| 1000-9200-1000-56000-740 | Supplies, Extra-Curr. | Expense | 0.00 | 1,202.97 | 0.00 | 1,202.97 | 1,202.97 |
| 1000-9200-1000-58100-740 | Dues & Fees, Extra-Curricular | Expense | 0.00 | 390.00 | 0.00 | 390.00 | 390.00 |
| 1000-9990-9990-70000-140 | Dummy Account | Expense | 0.00 | 1,591.22 | 1,591.22 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Fund 1000 Totals: | | | \$0.00 | \$9,932,060.65 | \$9,932,060.65 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| 2232-0000-0000-20100-000 | Accounts Payable | Liability | 0.00 | 3,701.25 | 3,701.25 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 2232-0000-0000-20150-000 | Encumbrance Control | Liability | 0.00 | 1,407.93 | 1,782.93 | (375.00) | (375.00) |
| 2232-0000-0000-20160-000 | Reserve for Encumbrance | Contra Net Asse | 0.00 | 1,782.93 | 1,407.93 | 375.00 | 375.00 |
| 2232-0000-0000-25100-000 | DTF General Fund | Liability | 3,085.12 | 3,026.83 | 3,701.25 | (674.42) | 2,410.70 |
| 2232-0000-0000-30100-000 | Fund Balance - Transition Grant | Net Asset | (3,085.12) | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | (3,085.12) |
| 2232-0000-0000-43232-000 | Transition Grant | Revenue | 0.00 | 0.00 | 3,026.83 | (3,026.83) | (3,026.83) |
| 2232-1100-1000-53300-150 | Training & Development - Transition Gran | Expense | 0.00 | 3,701.25 | 0.00 | 3,701.25 | 3,701.25 |
| Fund 2232 Totals: | | | \$0.00 | \$13,620.19 | \$13,620.19 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| 2300-0000-0000-25100-000 | DTF General Fund | Liability | 0.00 | 29,530.25 | 29,530.25 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 2300-0000-0000-44517-000 | TITLE IA | Revenue | 0.00 | 0.00 | 27,542.00 | (27,542.00) | (27,542.00) |
| 2300-0000-0000-45000-000 | Carryover | Revenue | 0.00 | 0.00 | 500.00 | (500.00) | (500.00) |
| 2300-1100-1000-51010-150 | Salary, Teacher, Title IA | Expense | 0.00 | 19,876.96 | 1,265.52 | 18,611.44 | 18,611.44 |
| 2300-1100-1000-52010-150 | Benefits, Teacher, Title IA | Expense | 0.00 | 85.44 | 18.35 | 67.09 | 67.09 |
| 2300-1100-1000-52110-150 | Insurances, Teacher, Title IA | Expense | 0.00 | 6,357.69 | 500.00 | 5,857.69 | 5,857.69 |
| 2300-1100-1000-52110-740 | Insurances, Teacher TIA | Expense | 0.00 | 500.00 | 0.00 | 500.00 | 500.00 |
| 2300-1100-1000-52310-150 | Retirement, Teacher, Title IA | Expense | 0.00 | 3,210.16 | 204.38 | 3,005.78 | 3,005.78 |
| Fund 2300 Totals: | | | \$0.00 | \$59,560.50 | \$59,560.50 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| 2470-0000-0000-12100-000 | Loc Ent Due from other govts | Asset | (2,868.01) | 2,868.01 | 0.00 | 2,868.01 | 0.00 |
| 2470-0000-0000-20100-000 | DTF Loc Ent | Liability | 0.00 | 32,228.94 | 32,228.94 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 2470-0000-0000-20150-000 | Encumbrance Control | Liability | 0.00 | 6,431.26 | 10,488.96 | (4,057.70) | (4,057.70) |
| 2470-0000-0000-20160-000 | Reserve for Encumbrance | Contra Net Asse | 0.00 | 10,488.96 | 6,431.26 | 4,057.70 | 4,057.70 |
| 2470-0000-0000-25100-000 | DTF LOC ENT | Liability | 2,868.01 | 27,106.18 | 32,228.94 | (5,122.76) | (2,254.75) |
| 2470-0000-0000-30100-000 | Loc Ent Fund Balance | Net Asset | 0.00 | 0.00 | 2,868.01 | (2,868.01) | (2,868.01) |
| 2470-0000-0000-44562-000 | LOCAL ENTITLEMENT | Revenue | 0.00 | 0.00 | 2,772.62 | (2,772.62) | (2,772.62) |
| 2470-0000-0000-45000-000 | Carryover | Revenue | 0.00 | 0.00 | 24,333.56 | (24,333.56) | (24,333.56) |
| 2470-2100-1000-53300-910 | Cont. Svcs./Imp. of Instr. (K-8) | Expense | 0.00 | 5,615.61 | 0.00 | 5,615.61 | 5,615.61 |
| 2470-2100-1000-53300-950 | Supplies (carryover) | Expense | 0.00 | 1,579.00 | 475.00 | 1,104.00 | 1,104.00 |
| 2470-2100-1000-56100-910 | Supplies (K-8) | Expense | 0.00 | 2,868.19 | 0.00 | 2,868.19 | 2,868.19 |
| 2470-2100-1000-56100-950 | Equipment (carryover) | Expense | 0.00 | 561.53 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 2470-2100-1000-57300-910 | CS Psychological (carryover) | Expense | 0.00 | 1,149.00 | 0.00 | 1,149.00 | 1,149.00 |
| 2470-2800-2140-53440-910 | CS Psychological (K-8) | Expense | 0.00 | 8,783.13 | 0.00 | 8,783.13 | 8,783.13 |
| 2470-2800-2150-53440-950 | CS Sp/Lang (carryover) | Expense | 0.00 | 1,020.00 | 340.00 | 680.00 | 680.00 |
| 2470-2800-2150-53440-910 | CS Speech/Language (9-12) | Expense | 0.00 | 240.89 | 0.00 | 240.89 | 240.89 |
| 2470-2800-2150-53440-990 | CS Speech/Language (9-12) | Expense | 0.00 | 613.62 | 0.00 | 613.62 | 613.62 |

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| 2470-2800-2160-53440-910 | CS Occupational Therapy (carryover) | Expense | 0.00 | 10,799.50 | 0.00 | 10,799.50 | 10,799.50 |
| 2470-2800-2160-53440-950 | CS Occupational Therapy (K-8) | Expense | 0.00 | 701.25 | 551.25 | 150.00 | 150.00 |
| 2470-2800-2160-53440-990 | CS Occupational Therapy (9-12) | Expense | 0.00 | 150.00 | 0.00 | 150.00 | 150.00 |
| 2470-2800-2180-53440-990 | CS Physical Therapy (9-12) | Expense | 0.00 | 75.00 | 0.00 | 75.00 | 75.00 |
| Fund 2470 Totals: | | | \$0.00 | \$113,280.07 | \$113,280.07 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| 2700-0000-0000-20100-000 | Accounts Payable | Liability | 0.00 | 4,055.88 | 4,055.88 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 2700-0000-0000-20150-000 | Encumbrance Control | Liability | 0.00 | 1,590.00 | 1,590.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 2700-0000-0000-20160-000 | Reserve for Encumbrance | Contra Net Asse | 0.00 | 1,590.00 | 1,590.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 2700-0000-0000-25100-000 | DTF General Fund | Liability | 0.00 | 2,570.88 | 4,055.88 | (1,485.00) | (1,485.00) |
| 2700-0000-0000-44520-000 | TITLE IIA | Revenue | 0.00 | 0.00 | 465.88 | (465.88) | (465.88) |
| 2700-0000-0000-45000-000 | Carryover | Revenue | 0.00 | 0.00 | 2,000.00 | (2,000.00) | (2,000.00) |
| 2700-1100-1000-53300-101 | Title IIA Training & Development | Expense | 0.00 | 2,050.00 | 2,050.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 2700-1100-1000-53300-103 | Title IIA Train & Dev. /Imp Instr. | Expense | 0.00 | 2,055.88 | 105.00 | 1,950.88 | 1,950.88 |
| 2700-1100-1000-53300-104 | Title IIA Train & Dev/FY14 | Expense | 0.00 | 2,000.00 | 0.00 | 2,000.00 | 2,000.00 |
| Fund 2700 Totals: | | | \$0.00 | \$15,912.64 | \$15,912.64 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| 6000-0000-0000-11500-000 | School Lunch Inventory | Asset | 2,272.41 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 2,272.41 |
| 6000-0000-0000-12000-000 | Food Service Acct Rec. | Asset | 1,669.26 | 0.00 | 1,669.26 | (1,669.26) | 0.00 |
| 6000-0000-0000-16000-000 | Student Balance/Food Service | Liability | 2,154.76 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 2,154.76 |
| 6000-0000-0000-20100-000 | Accounts Payable | Liability | 0.00 | 17,103.12 | 17,103.12 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 6000-0000-0000-25100-000 | DTF General Fund | Liability | 18,324.50 | 37,573.98 | 57,119.01 | (19,545.03) | (1,220.53) |
| 6000-0000-0000-30100-000 | Fund Balance - Food Service | Net Asset | (24,420.93) | 19,993.76 | 0.00 | 19,993.76 | (4,427.17) |
| 6000-0000-0000-41215-030 | Local taxes raised - Lunch | Revenue | 0.00 | 0.00 | 5,000.00 | (5,000.00) | (5,000.00) |
| 6000-0000-0000-41611-030 | Daily Sales - Reimburse Prog Lunch Prog | Revenue | 0.00 | 0.00 | 12,456.24 | (12,456.24) | (12,456.24) |
| 6000-0000-0000-41620-030 | Daily Sales - Non-Reimbursable Programs | Revenue | 0.00 | 0.00 | 382.80 | (382.80) | (382.80) |
| 6000-0000-0000-43251-030 | State Funds Lunch | Revenue | 0.00 | 0.00 | 882.14 | (882.14) | (882.14) |
| 6000-0000-0000-44551-030 | Federal Funds Regular Lunch | Revenue | 0.00 | 1,899.43 | 12,458.65 | (10,559.22) | (10,559.22) |
| 6000-0000-0000-44552-030 | Federal Funds Lunch - Reduced | Revenue | 0.00 | 0.00 | 5,692.82 | (5,692.82) | (5,692.82) |
| 6000-0000-0000-45000-030 | Federal Funds Breakfast | Revenue | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1,805.12 | (1,805.12) | (1,805.12) |
| 6000-0000-0000-45000-030 | Carryover Lunch | Revenue | 0.00 | 0.00 | 18,324.50 | (18,324.50) | (18,324.50) |
| 6000-0000-3100-52180-760 | Lunch Prog:Director-Health/Dental/Cash V | Expense | 0.00 | 1,473.96 | 1,473.96 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 6000-0000-3100-58000-760 | Lunch Prog:Director-Misc Vz | Expense | 0.00 | 849.79 | 0.00 | 849.79 | 849.79 |
| 6000-0000-3140-51180-760 | Lunch Prog:Lunch-Salary Vz | Expense | 0.00 | 30,139.07 | 1,366.45 | 28,772.62 | 28,772.62 |
| 6000-0000-3140-52080-760 | Lunch Prog:Lunch-Unemploy/W C/Inc Vz | Expense | 0.00 | 1,142.27 | 51.79 | 1,090.48 | 1,090.48 |
| 6000-0000-3140-52180-760 | Lunch Prog:Lunch-Health/Dental/Cash Vz | Expense | 0.00 | 6,534.25 | 0.00 | 6,534.25 | 6,534.25 |
| 6000-0000-3140-52280-760 | Lunch Prog:Lunch-SS/Medicare Vz | Expense | 0.00 | 2,302.62 | 104.53 | 2,198.09 | 2,198.09 |
| 6000-0000-3140-53000-760 | Lunch Prog:Lunch-Contracted Vz | Expense | 0.00 | 380.00 | 0.00 | 380.00 | 380.00 |
| 6000-0000-3140-56300-760 | Lunch Prog:Lunch-Food Vz | Expense | 0.00 | 13,268.67 | 31.84 | 13,236.83 | 13,236.83 |
| 6000-0000-3140-56310-760 | Lunch Prog:Lunch-Non Food supply Vz | Expense | 0.00 | 1,774.17 | 10.16 | 1,764.01 | 1,764.01 |
| 6000-0000-3150-51180-760 | Lunch Prog:Sub-Salary Vz | Expense | 0.00 | 1,343.58 | 0.00 | 1,343.58 | 1,343.58 |

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| Account Number | Description | Class | Beginning Balance | Total Debits | Total Credits | Net Change | Ending Balance |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------|----------------|
| 6000-0000-3150-52080-760 | Lunch Prog:Sub-Unemploy/W C/line V/2 | Expense | 0.00 | 50.92 | 0.00 | 50.92 | 50.92 |
| 6000-0000-3150-52280-760 | Lunch Prog:Sub-SS/Mcdi V/2 | Expense | 0.00 | 102.80 | 0.00 | 102.80 | 102.80 |
| Fund 6000 Totals: | | | \$0.00 | \$135,932.39 | \$135,932.39 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| 9990-0000-0000-10199-000 | STUDENT ACTIVITY CLEARING | Asset | 0.00 | 8,627.50 | 8,627.50 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 9990-0000-0000-10992-000 | VEAZIE COMMUNITY SCHOOL - CASH | Asset | 16,076.48 | 8,681.98 | 9,230.34 | (548.36) | 15,528.12 |
| 9990-0000-0000-30100-000 | Fund Balance Student Activity | Net Asset | (16,076.48) | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | (16,076.48) |
| 9990-0000-0000-40999-000 | STUDENT ACTIVITY REVENUE | Revenue | 0.00 | 594.00 | 8,627.50 | (8,033.50) | (8,033.50) |
| 9990-0000-0000-50999-000 | STUDENT ACTIVITY EXPENSE | Expense | 0.00 | 8,636.34 | 54.48 | 8,581.86 | 8,581.86 |
| Fund 9990 Totals: | | | \$0.00 | \$26,539.82 | \$26,539.82 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Report Totals: | | | \$0.00 | \$10,296,906.26 | \$10,296,906.26 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |

314 Accounts Listed.

LOU SILVER, INC.

Veazie, Maine 04401

ITEM # 10

BULL DOZING • BACKFILLING • GRAVEL • FILL • BACKHOE & SHOVEL WORK

MAILING ADDRESS

P.O. Box 22

Orono, Maine 04473

Phone: Bangor, Maine 942-8074

April 23, 2015

Town of Veazie
1084 Main Street
Veazie, Me. 04401
Attn: Mark Leonard

Re: Veazie Catch Basins & outfalls (MS4)

Dear Mark,

I sent 2 men out to pull frame & covers on the list of poor basins you received. The list is different in quantity due to some basins being on Rt2, some on private property, and some being floor drains in the fire bay. The total number we looked at was 33 basins.

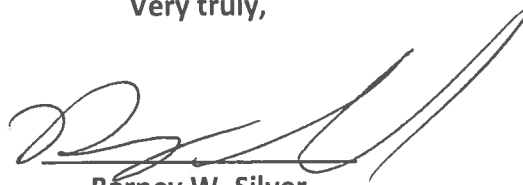
These basins should carry a budget to repair as follows:

- 1) Type F in pavement 2 units
Budget 2,000-2,500. Ea. = \$4,000 - \$5,000
- 2) Type F in lawn areas 10 units
Budget 1,500-2,000. Ea. = \$15,000 - \$20,000
- 3) 4' Dia Catch Basins in pavement 7 units
Budget in 3,500-4,500. Ea. = \$24,500 - \$31,500
- 4) 4' Dia Catch Basins in lawns 2 units
Budget 3,000 - 4,000. Ea. = \$6,000 - \$8,000
- 5) Frame & covers needing to be removed reset to fix failing mortar 12 units
Budget 1,000.00. Ea. = \$12,000.00

Please be advised that the high cost per unit is due to cutting old ones out & all of the pipe patching, and pavement replacement.

This budget does not include out falls. I will address these after my men look at them.

Very truly,



Barney W. Silver

Manager's Report For April 27, 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 to coordinate the spring cleanup for the Town for May 9th from 9-3. This will be when we have the dumpsters at the town office and residents can bring everything except household hazardous waste. Same as years past items with Freon will be charged for disposal. Electronics Ends will also be here to collect household electronics.

Leaf and brush cleanup has also been scheduled for May 9th. All items will be expected to be roadside by early in the morning on May 9th.

The town of Veazie's Stream cleanup has been scheduled for May 16th from 930-1130. Following the stream cleanup a BBQ will be held for the participants. Participants will also receive a free t-shirt.

Over the past two weeks we have worked on updating the Town's server, network and computers. The project is nearly complete and was a much needed upgrade.

I have made contact with the School Street property manager, Joe Lane, and asked that he prepare a timeline on completing the work on the hazardous buildings and present it to the Council at the next meeting.

I met with a building contractor to go over what needs to be done at the Community Center to make the building ADA compliant. At the time of this writing I have not received his quote. I have also met with two separate painting contractors to get pricing on painting the exterior of the building. The quotes for this work has been received. I also contacted the two previous sprinkler companies that had provided quotes to install the sprinkler. New quotes have been received by them.

Ben Birch, Julie Reed and myself went over budget figures so that we could look at projected mill rate changes with proposed budgets.

I completed the cemetery contract for the stone work that will begin this spring/summer and sent it to the contractor. He has reviewed it and agrees with it. He anticipates that work should begin in late June or early July.

I attended the cable consortium meeting at Eastern Maine Development Corporation. This meeting was to prepare for continued negotiations with Time Warner Cable. Additional meetings have been scheduled so we can move forward on a new contract.

I've met with the Supt. Lyons to discuss the School Budget. I also attended the special School Board meeting that was held at the school on the budget.

Manager's Report For April 27, 2015 Council Meeting

I have been in conversation with the Town's new mowing contractor as he has already begun work in the cemetery in preparation for the upcoming mowing season.

Barney Silver and I have met to discuss his proposed budget for the storm drain maintenance work. This information will be presented to the council for discussion.

I have prepared and presented a report to Barney Silver on snow plow damage that has been received by Town Office Staff.

For FY 15/16 it is my desire to replace the phone system for the municipal building. Our current phone system is nearly 20 years old and we are beginning to experience more problems. Prior to complete failure it is my hopes to have it replaced. This was a project that previous management had researched approximately 3 years ago but the replacement never occurred. Much like the server/network upgrade this is a much needed purchase so that we can continue to operate efficiently.

Attachments:

1. Bangor Daily News Story on Burglary Sentence
2. Email from Gail Carter on Riverview Street
3. April 13, 2015 newsletter from Representative Lyford
4. Legislative Bulletin #14
5. Legislative update form Senator Dill
6. April 22, 2015 newsletter form Representative Lyford
7. Planning Workshop notification
8. Memo from MRC
9. Letter from Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry
10. Legislative Bulletin #15
11. Bangor Daily News article on School Budget
12. Thank you card to the Police Department

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Victim calls 5-year sentence for Orrington-Veazie burglary ring participant 'a 50 percent discount'

By Judy Harrison, BDN Staff

Posted April 10, 2015, at 4:04 p.m.

BANGOR, Maine — In September 2011, 20-year-old Randall J. Cressey of Hampden stood before a District Court judge for sentencing on burglary and theft charges.

"I would like to change my life," he told Judge Jesse Gunther, who is now retired. "This definitely has woken me up."

On Friday, Cressey, now 24, stood before Gunther's replacement, Judge John Lucy, at the Penobscot Judicial Center and pleaded no contest to nearly 30 burglary and theft charges in connection with nighttime break-ins last April in Veazie, Orrington and Bangor.

No contest pleas result in convictions.

Cressey of Hampden was sentenced 3½ years ago to 18 months in prison, where he met his co-defendant in the current case, William C. Cushman, 23, of Brewer.

Lucy sentenced Cressey on Friday to 10 years with all but five years suspended, followed by three years probation. That is the same sentence Cushman received.

The judge also ordered Cressey, Cushman and their three co-defendants to pay jointly \$11,078 in restitution to victims. Cressey still owes about \$3,000 in restitution to victims of his 2011 crimes.

If either man were to violate probation, they could be sent back to prison for up to five years, Lucy said.

That was little comfort to the victims of what Michael Roberts, deputy district attorney for Penobscot County, said were drug-related crimes.

"What is this, a 50 percent discount?" a Veazie homeowner whose residence was burglarized on April 11, 2014, told the judge. "I am outraged. They should do the full maximum sentence of 10 years."

The Bangor Daily News is not identifying the victim.

He told Lucy that as a boy growing up in Washington County, his father, who was a teacher, gave him a silver dollar for good report cards. Over the years, he saved the coins.

"They stole them and probably took them to a pawn shop," he said. "They'll never be recovered."

The Veazie man said that the thieves also took a firearm and he worried that for the time between the break-ins and the burglars' arrests that the gun would be used to harm someone. The gun was recovered when Cressey and Cushman were arrested April 19.

Three others, Bianca Trask, 20, of Brewer, Courtney Braley, 19, of Bangor and a now 17-year-old male from Bangor also were charged in connection with the break-ins. They entered into deferred disposition deals under which the charges are dismissed after a year if they are not charged with additional crimes, Roberts said last month.

The Penobscot County Sheriff's Office, as well as the Brewer, Veazie and Bangor police departments collaborated on the investigation.

<http://bangordailynews.com/2015/04/10/news/bangor/victim-calls-5-year-sentence-for-orrington-veazie-burglary-ring-participant-a-50-percent-discount/> **printed on April 13, 2015**



Message

Sun, Apr 12, 2015 5:08 PM

From: Gail Carter <gcarter@veaziecs.org>

To: **Mark Leonard**

Subject: Riverview St.

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Dear Mark,

I am hoping you can get this message to those that care.

I am pleading that Riverview St. does not get taken off the road repair list again this year!! As it has for many years now.

When I moved into this town I lived on a **paved** road. This is no longer the case, from my house down it is mud and dirt. Also the plows are unable to push the snow off to the field side of the road because the road has heaved up at least a foot higher than normal on that side. The plow blade wasn't able to make contact with most of the road bed this winter and left piles of snow in the road. Where it did make contact **huge** chunks of asphalt were left in our driveways and lawns. My snow blower was broken because of this.

It is impossible to drive straight down our road as the holes are as big as vehicles and are quite deep. Where the hydrant has been flushed over the years the road is sinking. Backing out of the driveway is becoming difficult as there is asphalt built up as high as the bumpers of cars opposite the driveways. The trash truck backs down the entire road because they are no longer able to turn around at the end. If there is a prize for the worst road in Veazie we would get it. Not something to be proud of.

Thank you for paying attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A very concerned Tax Payer.

Gail Carter

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Maine Wildlife Park

Gray's Maine Wildlife Park plans to open for the season on April
15th -- weather permitting!

The Park's [2015 events calendar](#) is packed with fun happenings for
the whole family, so be sure to include visits to the Park in your
spring, summer, and fall plans.

Visit the [Maine Wildlife Park](#) online for more information or to
subscribe to receive Park updates

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

Governor Paul R. LePage issued a proclamation announcing that
April is Child Abuse Prevention Month in a State House press
conference held on March 24. This announcement coincides with
an exciting new partnership of the Maine Department of Health and
Human Services (DHHS) with the Maine Children's Trust and the
statewide network of community-based Child Abuse Prevention
Councils.

The presence of a safe and healthy home in a child's life is one of



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the protective factors that reduce the risk for neglect and abuse and promote optimal outcomes for children, youth, and families, including concrete supports in times of need, having social connections in the community, and understanding the physical and emotional development of children and youth. The Maine DHHS recognizes the value of these community-based supports for families and has invested in the child abuse prevention network through statutory responsibility of the Maine Children's Trust and the local councils. This investment encompasses the provision of parenting education, safe sleep instruction, and shaken baby syndrome awareness and prevention.

This state-local partnership is enhanced with the business support of Isamax Snacks of Gardiner. Throughout April, Isamax and the child abuse prevention councils will be promoting a special mini whoopie pie of the Wicked Whoopies treat collection. All proceeds from the sale of these mini Wicked Whoopies will be donated to the Trust to further child abuse prevention efforts across Maine. The mini-whoopie pies can be purchased at either of the Wicked Whoopie retail locations in Freeport or Farmingdale, as well as through the local Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Councils.

The 10 Child Abuse and Neglect Councils located across the State will also host events in their local communities during the month of April. For more information about child abuse prevention programs and activities in your community, during the month of April and throughout the year, visit the Maine Children's Trust [here](#).

Raising Readers Program Makes Book Donation to Maine Libraries

In celebration of 15 years of fostering early childhood literacy in Maine, the Raising Readers program will donate a significant collection of new children's books to small and rural libraries throughout Maine. This announcement was made recently at the Reading Roundup conference of school and children's librarians in Augusta.

The donation will provide between 15 and 20 new board and picture books to 120 Maine libraries in greatest need of new children's book collections.

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Since 2000, Raising Readers has worked to support early literacy by providing high-quality, developmentally appropriate hardcover books to every Maine child aged birth to five through partnerships with hospitals, medical practices, and healthcare providers where the books are distributed at births and well-child visits. During that time, the program has reached 228,000 individual children and distributed more than 2.2 million books. Raising Readers is a collaboration between MaineHealth and EMHS and the nearly 360 hospitals and medical practices that give books to their patients. It has been generously funded by the Libra Foundation since its inception.



Over the last nine years, the program has also provided all Maine public libraries with an annual anthology of stories by Maine authors and illustrators.

For more information about the Raising Readers program, click [here](#).

Free Courses on Employment Law for Employers

Upcoming Classes in Augusta, Bangor, Lewiston, Portland, Presque Isle, Rockland, Skowhegan, Springvale, and Wilton.

The Maine Department of Labor will offer sessions of its popular, no-charge course that educates employers and the public about regulations governing the workplace. The "Laws Governing Workplace Rights" classes are taught by staff of the Wage and Hour Division of the Bureau of Labor Standards.

This course covers wage and hour laws, including minimum wage, overtime, youth employment, severance pay, equal pay, leave requirements (family medical leave and domestic violence), and break requirements. It addresses commonly asked employment-related questions and offers participants an opportunity to ask questions.

Although courses can be attended at no charge, registration is required due to limited seating.

Employers interested in participating can learn more and register by calling (207) 623-7900 or by visiting <http://www.safetyworksmaine.com> and clicking "More Classes" from the homepage.

For a listing of course dates and locations, please click [here](#)

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Another Tax Reform Plan Placed on the Table

Last week's Legislative Bulletin laid out the recommendations of the Taxation Committee regarding most of the major elements of the comprehensive tax reform proposal presented by Governor LePage in his proposed two-year state budget.

The strength of the Tax Committee's recommendations came from the refreshing degree of bipartisan support that backed them up. Most of the recommendations on the various components of the Governor's plan impacting municipal government and Maine's property taxpayers were unani-

mously supported by the membership of the Tax Committee, and it's not going to be easy for other decision-makers in the legislative process (e.g., the Appropriations Committee who received the Tax Committee's recommendations, or the full Legislature itself) to run roughshod over those recommendations.

Another set of recommendations has now been thrust into the mix. On Thursday last week the Democrats in the Legislature advanced their alternative to the Governor's tax reform proposal.

Although it is MMA's understanding that the Democrats' alternative "Better Deal for Maine" is not going to be formally advanced as a competing bill, it is a tax reform plan that certainly deserves to be entered into the mix of proposals on the table for the Legislature's consideration.

What follows is a matrix that identifies various elements of the competing tax reform plans, as proposed by the Governor, as recommended by the Taxation Committee, and as proposed in the Democrats' plan. *(continued on pages 2-3)*

Shifting GA Responsibilities to the State

The Health and Human Services Committee held hearings midweek on seven bills seeking to in one fashion or another amend the laws that guide the state/municipal General Assistance (GA) program. A description of six of those bills is provided in the table on page 8.

The bill of particular interest to municipal officials is LD 632, *An Act To Require the State To Administer and Fund the General Assistance Program*, graciously sponsored by Sen. Tom Saviello (Franklin County) on behalf of MMA's 70-member Legislative Policy Committee. As proposed, the bill would shift the administration and all associated costs of the General Assistance program to the state.

In his testimony, Sen. Saviello stressed that although he advanced the bill on behalf of MMA, he truly believes that the state is the more appropriate entity to administer the GA program. The testimony provided by Sen. Saviello focused on three key points:

1. LD 632 would take municipalities out of the middle of the welfare debate. Under the current GA program, municipal officials are under constant scrutiny by

advocates, policymakers and property taxpayers. Although municipalities are mandated to provide the service according to state law and rules, those procedures are at times interpreted differently by the different interested parties involved in the process. This discord often leads to finger pointing and the assignment of blame, more often than not laid at the feet of the municipal officials trying to do the best they can. It is time to let the authors of the program administer the program.

2. Administration by the state could streamline the process for clients. Currently, municipal officials tap state level resources to determine eligibility. If the state administered the GA program, it would become a one-stop-shopping approach for clients. State agency officials would have immediate access to all the data necessary to determine eligibility for all welfare programs.

3. At a minimum, the repeal of the program would result in \$8 million in property tax savings representing the direct aid expended by municipalities, as well as an additional \$5 million representing the municipal administrative costs. Under the current program, the cost for administering

the program locally is borne solely by the property taxpayers.

The Health and Human Services Committee's response to LD 632 can be described as cool, if not frigid. One member of the Committee raised concern that if the state took over program administration, the ability of people to obtain basic necessities (e.g., food, shelter, heat etc.) 24 hours/7 day week would no longer exist.

That observation (and expectation) is at the crux of the municipal frustration with the program. Although state lawmakers, agency officials and low income advocates recognize that the town-by-town administration of the program is the most effective way to deliver this "resource of last resort," all of the interested parties, at some point in time, have all but demonized the municipal administration of the program. Municipal GA officials are simultaneously accused by the Department and by low income advocates of inappropriately operating the program. It is a lose/lose venture for municipal administrators.

In addition to MMA, the Mayors' Coalition and Maine Welfare Directors Association provided testimony in support.

The work session on LD 632 and the other GA related bills is scheduled for Tuesday, April 28. *(continued on page 8)*

Competing Comprehensive Tax Reform Plans on the Tables

| Plan Component | Governor's Tax Reform Plan | Taxation Committee Recommendation (unanimous unless otherwise noted) | Democrats' Alternative Plan |
|---|--|--|--|
| Municipal Revenue Sharing | Flat-fund the currently reduced revenue sharing distribution at \$62.5 million for FY 2016 and eliminate entirely for FY 2017 and thereafter. | Flat-fund currently reduced revenue sharing distribution at \$62.5 million for both years of the biennium. | Increase the revenue sharing distribution from flat-funding levels of \$62.5 million to \$77 million for both years of the biennium. |
| Homestead Property Tax Exemption | Eliminate the \$10,000 Homestead exemption for homeowners under 65 years of age, double the Homestead exemption for homeowners 65 years of age or older to \$20,000. | No change to current law. Retain the current \$10,000 Homestead for all Maine resident homeowners. | Double the current \$10,000 Homestead exemption for all Maine resident homeowners to \$20,000. |
| Property Tax Fairness Credit | Expand in several ways the value and the availability of the refundable "Property Tax Fairness Credit" now embedded within the state's income tax code (formerly the "Circuitbreaker" program), increasing the overall cost of the program from \$35 million to \$93 million. | Split vote, with 7 members rejecting the Governor's proposal and 6 members supporting it. | Adopts the Governor's proposal. |
| Taxing Tax Exempt Property | Impose the property tax on 50% of the value of most privately owned tax exempt properties after subtracting the first \$500,000 in value. | Do not impose the property tax on tax exempt properties. | Do not impose the property tax on tax exempt properties. |
| Transfer Telecommunications Personal Property to Municipal Jurisdiction | Transfer from state to municipal jurisdiction the authority to tax "two-way, interactive" personal property owned by telecommunications companies, shifting approximately \$8.25 million in tax revenue from state to municipal governments. | Accept the Governor's proposal without change. | Reject the Governor's proposal, No change to current law. |
| BETR-to-BETE Conversion | In four installments between tax year 2016 and tax year 2019, shift all currently taxable property enrolled in the Business Equipment Tax Reimbursement program over to tax exempt status. | Committee recommendation is split, with 7 members supporting the Governor's proposal and 6 members opposing. | Not mentioned in the Democrats' plan, so presumably not part of that proposal. |
| Sales Tax Rate Changes Current law: General sales – 5.5% Meals – 8% Lodging – 8% Short Term Auto Rental – 10% | General Sales – 6.5% Meals – 6.5% Lodging – 8% Short term auto – 8% | By unanimous vote: Meals – 8% Lodging – 9% Short term auto – 10% By split vote: General Sales 7 members 5.5% 6 members 6.5% | General sales – 5.5% Meals – 8% Lodging – 8% Short term auto – ? (Presumably retain the current 10% rate, but not stated in the plan). |
| Sales Tax Base Changes | Expand the sales tax base by applying the general sales tax rate to the retail value of six categories of services, excluding all "business to business" transactions: Amusement and Recreation services, Installation, Repair and Maintenance services (excluding automobile repair), Personal services, Domestic and Household services, Personal Property services, and Professional services. | Adopt the Governor's proposals with the following exceptions: Exclude professional services entirely, exclude museums from amusement and recreation services, exclude hair services from personal services, and exclude private waste management services from the domestic and household services category. | Adopt Governor's proposals without amendment. |
| Sales Tax Fairness Credit | Creates a refundable tax credit within the state's income tax code valued at \$250 to \$500 with income limitations in order to offset impact of increased sales taxes on lower-income Mainers. | Adopts the Governor's proposal. | Adopts the Governor's proposal. |

Tax Reform Plan (cont'd)

Individual Income Tax Rates. The Democrats' "Better Plan For Maine" document lays out the differences between the Governor's proposal on income tax rate changes with their proposal as follows. To add the Taxation panel's recommendations to the mix, the Committee was essentially

split. Approximately half the Committee's membership supported the Governor's proposal with some modest variation. The other half essentially recommended the 5-bracket plan in the Democrats' alternative, although at the time the rate details were not provided.

| | Governor's Plan FY 2016 | Governor's Plan FY 2019 | Democrats' Alternative Plan |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| | Bracket/Rate | Bracket/Rate | Bracket/Rate |
| | \$0/0% | \$0/0% | \$0/0% |
| | \$9,700/5.75% | \$9,700/5.75% | \$5,200/6% |
| | \$50,000/6.95% | \$50,000/6.5% | \$25,000/6.5% |
| | | \$175,000/5.75% | \$50,000/7.5% |
| | | | \$150,000/7.95% |
| Standard Deduction | \$6,200 | \$6,200 | \$9,000 |
| Standard Deduction Phaseout | None | None | \$50,000 to \$75,000 |
| Personal Exemption | \$3,950 | \$3,950 | \$3,950 |
| Personal Exemption Phaseout | None | None | \$75,000 to \$125,000 |
| Pension Exclusion | \$15,000 | \$30,000 | \$10,000 |
| Fiscal Note FY 2017 | -\$418 million | -\$489 million | -\$120,000 |

Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Fairness Conundrum

On Wednesday this week, the Taxation Committee held a hearing on LD 94, *An Act To Base the Excise Tax Imposed on the Purchase of a Motor Vehicle on the Price Paid*. Sponsored by Rep. Heather Sirocki of Scarborough, LD 94 would require the excise taxes assessed on motor vehicles to be calculated on the basis of the sale price rather than on the Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price (MSRP), as is currently the case. The bill would also require the state to reimburse municipalities for the excise tax revenue losses attributable to the change in the calculation methodology.

As Rep. Sirocki pointed out in her testimony, the issue addressed in LD 94 is not new. The Legislature is perennially asked to determine whether the law enacted in 1929 – 86 years ago – establishing a value-based assessment method for collecting motor vehicle excise tax is fair and appropriate.

A handful of proponents were on hand to support the bill and to express frustration with a system that assesses a tax using the MRSP, described as a value

"arbitrarily" set by the automobile industry, rather than the actual price paid. One proponent likened the current assessment model to requiring a customer to pay sales taxes on the full price of a discounted meal. Another proponent informed the Committee that he would purchase a new vehicle if it were not for the excise tax assessment process.

From the municipal perspective, however, the issue of fairness is based on the foundation of tax policy that requires all taxpayers to be treated equally. In its opposition to LD 94, MMA pointed out that since an excise tax is collected on motor vehicles in lieu of a property tax, the assessment should be based on value rather than the sale price. The value-based assessment ensures that all persons paying this form of property tax are treated equally, regardless of ability to negotiate a deal on the price of a vehicle.

Although the proposal would require the state to reimburse municipalities for the lost revenues, municipal officials are not convinced that the Legislature will honor the funding commitment for long.

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Motor Vehicle Excise Tax (cont'd)

if at all. As a result, if LD 94 is enacted municipal officials will need to determine how to absorb an estimated \$12 million loss in revenue.

MMA's claim that the loss of excise tax revenue would have a direct impact on municipal road maintenance and repair budgets was challenged by one member of the Taxation Committee. He pointed out that there is nothing in state statute obligating municipalities to dedicate those revenues to local transportation programs. He is correct. Since excise taxes are collected in lieu of property taxes, those revenues are available to fund any municipal program.

That being said, municipal officials are using collected excise tax revenues for transportation-related purposes without having to be told to do so by Augusta. On the basis of data provided through a transportation revenue and expenditure survey conducted by MMA in the fall of 2014, it is estimated that municipalities statewide spend \$356 million on roads and bridges annually. In comparison, the data published in Maine Revenue Services 2013 Municipal Valuation Return Statistical Summary show that municipalities statewide collect \$196 million in excise tax.

Based on the Committee's questions and initial conversations there seems to be some level of interest in amending the manner in which the motor vehicle excise tax is assessed. Municipal officials concerned about possible changes are urged to contact members of the Taxation Committee before its meets on Monday, April 27 to vote on LD 94.

"Concept Draft" Bill Emerges to Increase Landfill Fees

Municipalities that either operate solid waste landfills or that contract with landfill facilities are not doing enough to recycle and compost the solid waste they are mandated to manage. That theme strikes a steady drumbeat within the Legislature's Environment and Natural Resources Committee. ecomaine in Portland, the Mid Maine Waste Action Corporation in Auburn, the Natural Resources Council of Maine (NRCM) and a group of citizen solid waste advocates are supportive of any proposal that makes using solid waste landfills more expensive in order to incentivize alternative solid waste management operations.

All of this came to light on Wednesday this week when the details of a "concept draft" bill were revealed to the Committee. LD 947, *An Act To Fund State Efforts To Reduce the Landfilling of Solid Waste*, is sponsored by Rep. Ben Chipman of Portland. "Concept draft" bills are just that...conceptual proposals written in narrative that are not required to contain actual proposed statutory language or the specific details that fill-out the sponsor's intention. "Concept draft" legislation came on the scene about 15 years ago. Before concept draft legislation was authorized by legislative rules in the late 1990s, all bills needed to be submitted and printed with sufficient detail so people would be aware of the legislation's potential impacts. Concept draft bills do away with that provision of

clear notice. You don't quite know what is really inside a concept draft until the bill's public hearing, if then.

The stated purpose of LD 947 was to establish the "Maine Solid Waste Reduction Fund," administered by the Department of Environmental Protection, to provide grants to assist municipalities in the diversion of solid waste from disposal at landfills through equipment or infrastructure purposes or the establishment of programs to reduce the need for waste disposal. The concept draft said that the bill would capitalize the fund through the elimination of certain exemptions.

On Wednesday Rep. Chipman distributed the specific proposal to the Committee. It was the first time MMA learned about the details, but everyone in the Committee room seemed to know what was going on.

The bill would have two parts. First, the bill would limit the use of the resources in the existing Maine Solid Waste Management Fund to only support programs that improve efforts to reduce, reuse, recycle and compost municipal solid waste. The originally-proposed and separate "Maine Solid Waste Reduction Fund" would not be created. Second, the bill would repeal the current exemption provided to municipalities with respect to the \$2/ton fee for disposing of municipal solid waste in landfills. Every municipality that currently owns and operates a landfill, and every municipality that has a long-term

contract with a landfill (i.e., a contract over 9 months in duration), would have to pay an additional \$2/ton in tipping fees under this proposal, with those funds going to the Department of Environmental Protection to provide grants to municipalities to improve or expand their recycling/composting programs.

As indicated above, at least six individuals testified in strong support of LD 947, including citizen solid waste activists, NRCM, ecomaine and Mid Maine Waste. Their testimony was uniform. Landfilling municipal solid waste is bad and practically anything that makes it more expensive is good. Even though \$2 per ton is not a lot of money, according to these supporters, LD 947 will make landfilling more expensive so it's good law.

MMA was the only opponent to the bill, but without knowing the bill's details before the public hearing, there wasn't any opportunity to assemble the actual financial impacts to the affected municipalities.

Lacking that information, MMA's testimony focused on the ironic distinction between the title of LD 947 (*An Act To Fund State Efforts to Reduce the Landfilling of Solid Waste*) and the bill's details, which will charge municipalities to pay into a fund, administered by the state, which distributes funds to municipalities to enhance their recycling efforts. It's a

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Bill Requires Selectmen to Publicly Humiliate Their Election Clerks

(If you have shaming stocks in your town hall museum, it's time to dust them off)

A contender for the most mean-spirited bill of the legislative session was presented to the Veterans and Legal Affairs Committee on Monday this week, advanced apparently with at least some level of support from the Secretary of State's Office (SOS).

Sponsored by Senator Andre Cushing (Penobscot Cty.), LD 1138, *An Act Regarding Municipal Reporting of Statewide Elections*, was submitted in an effort to compel municipal election officials to step smartly in line with certain mandates imposed on them to make sure the major political parties have fresh "voter participation history" information within 20 business days after an election. The political partisans want this information

as early as possible in order to prepare for their next campaigns. The SOS wants the information quickly as well, in order to double check the accuracy of the voting results, update and remove duplications from the Central Voter Registration List, and generally assure the integrity of the election.

In summary, LD 1138 requires the municipal officers of each municipality – the board of selectmen or town or city council – to publicly humiliate their election clerks for failing to file voter participation information with the SOS within the 20 business days after an election, which is the time frame allocated by state mandate. The public shaming must be achieved by published

notices identifying the clerk's name and various shortcomings in local newspapers of general circulation as well as in the municipality's annual town report.

In addition, the SOS in separate legislation and through LD 1138 is proposing to fine the clerks \$50 for each day of their non-compliance with their mandated reporting requirements. The LD 1138 fine would be levied against each noncompliant clerk personally, rather than against the clerk's official office. At the public hearing it was advanced as a point of public amusement how the SOS would be very willing to drive out to each municipal clerk's office to personally collect the financial penalties.

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Election Clerks (cont'd)

Unlike any law ever enacted in the state's history, LD 1138 seeks to require Maine's municipal leaders to publicly shame or humiliate their employees. Authorizing the SOS to impose financial penalties against the clerks' personal estate completes the "belt and suspenders" approach to shoring up these reporting mandates. Four of Maine's ten legislative leaders are either sponsors or cosponsors of LD 1138.

Aside from its sponsor, LD 1138 had no other proponents at public hearing. MMA was the only opponent to the bill. The SOS, the Maine Town and City Clerks' Association and the Maine League of Women Voters testified "neither for nor against" LD 1138.

MMA expressed deep concern about the direction LD 1138 is taking and its impact on whatever vestiges might remain of the "partnership" relationship that exists between state government and the local governments over the implementation of unfunded state mandates. The ensuing testimony from the SOS described a situation where the smaller municipalities, especially, but also some of the larger towns and cities, do not have adequate staff capacity to properly administer the mandate. Staff hours have been cut back, election personnel are now performing many other job functions in the municipal front office, and lack of adequate computer infrastructure were cited as reasons why the mandatory filing deadlines were not being met. There were also repeated references to certain unnamed municipalities that are apparently notoriously delinquent in their reporting obligations.

Elected clerks were mentioned as the group from which the worst culprits might be predicted, as these clerks are beholden to no obvious management authority.

At the same time as these critiques were delivered, the SOS admitted that the reporting deadlines might be too aggressive and the larger municipalities, particularly, may not be able to file the voter participation information in the time allotted. Because the voter participation list is sealed for five days after an election, the 20 business days allotted is only 15 business days in real life. Although the SOS was more sensitive to the needs of the larger municipalities, subsequent

testimony by the town clerks pointed out that for the towns where the election clerk works only one or two days a week, the statutory 15 business days becomes only two business days, unless the town allows for more staff time to complete the task.

In its testimony, MMA pointed out that the mandate for municipalities to manage all regional, state and federal elections is perhaps the clearest example of state government appropriating for itself both the personnel and resources of local government to perform pure state functions. Unfortunately, the longstanding system to provide some level of financial support for these mandates – the Municipal Revenue Sharing Program – has been trashed by the Legislature in recent years. With the Legislature cutting \$320 million out of the revenue sharing distributions over the last decade, it is no wonder that towns are cutting back on staff hours, requiring municipal employees to multi-task, and delaying computer system purchases and maintenance programs. You might ask how state government responds to the inability to comply with mandates because of sharply reduced financial resources. If LD 1138 is an example, the answer is by adding on yet another mandate on top of the underlying mandates, imposing financial penalties on municipal employees, and requiring the shaming of municipal personnel.

Although the SOS supported the new financial penalties, that Office did not support the required published shaming of the town clerks for two reasons: (1) shaming in the view of the SOS would not be effective and result in improved compliance; and (2) the SOS didn't want to be saddled with the task of ensuring the shaming was being appropriately carried out.

The Secretary of State's Office testified that it has tried the collegial and collaborative approach with the towns, but it didn't work. If such an approach was used by the Secretary's Office, it's news to MMA. Although the issue is one that could helpfully involve the input of the boards of selectmen and town and city councils that oversee the work of the municipal election personnel, the Secretary of State's Office has never asked

MMA to take a look at the issue or lend a hand in its resolution, convene a working group of some kind, publish an article on the subject in the Maine Townsman, or anything along those lines. The first time MMA was ever apprised of this problem was when LD 1138 was printed.

So it goes in Augusta. The elections "omnibus" bill (LD 1335) has just been printed and among the two-dozen changes to election law in that legislation, a similar \$50 per diem fine is imposed for each day after the third business day after an election if the municipal clerk is delinquent in delivering the election return to the Secretary of State. In this proposal, the fine is not levied against the clerk personally.

It is possible that the Veterans and Legal Affairs Committee will fold LD 1138 into its consideration of the omnibus elections bill in the weeks ahead.

Landfill Fees (cont'd)

"Robbing Peter to Pay Peter" proposal that "funds" the "state efforts" by appropriating local government resources.

Even if that made sense, the municipalities have had zero luck with state-administered funds as of recent, even funds that were capitalized with dedicated municipal resources. Municipal revenue sharing and the Local Road Assistance Program are Exhibits #1 and #2, respectively, but probably the most glaring example in recent times was the Fund for the Efficient Delivery of Local Services, called the "Local Efficiency Fund." That Fund, established by Maine's voters in 2004 and also designed to assist municipalities, was capitalized with a percentage of the municipal revenue sharing distribution and not one extra cent in state financing, but that didn't matter. The Legislature swept that Fund every single year of its existence until finally repealed in 2009.

The impact data on LD 947, now that we know its details, probably reside within the Department of Environmental Protection, so we will attempt to get the information there. If unsuccessful, we may have to survey the municipalities affected by this proposal to determine town-by-town impacts. Please stay tuned.

EUT Committee Considers Natural Gas Infrastructure Regulation

On Wednesday of this week the Energy, Utilities and Technology Committee held a public hearing on LD 1124, *An Act To Manage Risks Associated with the Installation of Natural Gas Pipelines*, which would impose six types of new regulations on natural gas pipeline installations. These regulations include due process requirements like notice from gas utilities and excavators to nearby utilities, establishing an ability for those utilities to file objections, and various technical requirements. The most controversial technical requirement is the legislation's creation of minimum clearances between gas and other utility pipes, which would be set at two vertical feet and six horizontal feet of separation.

Representatives of various water and sewer districts, the Maine Water Environment Association, the Maine Water Utilities Association, and telecommunications utilities whose poles have been affected by gas pipeline installations all testified in support of LD 1124. These proponents cited the protection of existing infrastructure and their workers as the justification for this legislation, providing the Committee with numerous photographs of gas line intersections, overlays and cross bores that did not seem to have been constructed with safety or maintenance in mind.

Representatives of the gas companies Unifit, Summit Natural Gas and Maine

Natural Gas all opposed the bill, explaining how they currently engage in ever-improving and extensive planning and review processes with stakeholders. These companies are particularly concerned with enacting a statutory clearance requirement. According to Summit, the vertical placement of their infrastructure is restricted by science; frost develops in pipes that are placed too deep while those that are placed too close to the surface will freeze. Horizontal clearance capacities are limited by practical necessity. The MDOT has a three-foot horizontal clearance requirement that works well on wider state roads and highways, but local roads have much less room to maneuver.

MMA's Legislative Policy Committee voted in qualified support of LD 1124. Municipal officials in areas where natural gas pipelines have been installed, and in those areas still seeking gas, have put substantial effort into balancing the residential and commercial demands for reliable, low cost fuel with the need to protect crucial water and wastewater facilities as well as public safety. From the municipal perspective, most of the proposed changes in this bill seem sensible and timely because they would help prevent damage to residents, staff, and important existing municipal infrastructure.

MMA's support was qualified, how-

ever, out of concern for the difficulty if not impossibility of working with the one-size-fits-all six foot horizontal clearance standard. LPC members agree with the gas utilities that many local roads, especially those located in downtown areas, simply do not have room for six feet of separation. Because the 6x2 foot separation standard is somewhat central to the legislation, some legislators found it difficult to appreciate how MMA could support this bill while taking issue with the statutory separation standard.

The Public Utilities Commission testified Neither For Nor Against LD 1124, explaining its recent conclusion in a rulemaking inquiry that a single specific statewide separation requirement could create problems in urban and other areas where the right of way area is limited. The Commission believes more stringent standards are best applied and enforced by municipalities based on local conditions, addressing specific conditions in municipal permits. The Commission is currently on track to require gas utilities to adopt an "accommodation policy" that would require reasonable accommodation for owners of facilities located beneath gas facilities when those owners need to access their facilities.

Local officials who act as the natural

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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, April 20 – HOLIDAY

Tuesday, April 21

Education & Cultural Affairs

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

LD 956 – An Act To Create Community Schools.

Energy, Utilities & Technology

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

LD 1063 – An Act To Promote Community Broadband Planning and Strengthen Economic Opportunity throughout Maine.

LD 1167 – An Act to Modernize Maine's Broadband Standards.

LD 1185 – An Act To Establish the Municipal Gigabit Broadband Network Access Fund.

LD 1323 – An Act To Expand Rural Broadband.

Health & Human Services

Room 209, Cross State Office Building, 1:00 p.m.
Tel: 287-1317

LD 1237 – An Act Regarding the Filing of Death and Marriage Records.

Labor, Commerce, Research & Economic Development

Room 208, Cross State Office Building, 1:00 p.m.
Tel: 287-1331

LD 1188 – An Act to Implement a Rental Assistance Program for Low-income Households and Individuals.

Transportation

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

LD 1080 – An Act Making Unified Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government, Highway Fund and Other Funds and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2016 and June 30, 2017.

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HEARINGS (cont.)

LD 1175 – An Act To Amend Maine's Motor Vehicle Statutes.

Wednesday, April 22

Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry

Room 206, Cross State Office Building, 9:00 a.m.

Tel: 287-1312

LD 1169 – RESOLUTION. Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Permit 25 Acres or Less To Be Withdrawn from Taxation as Timberland and Woodland without Penalty.

Appropriations & Financial Affairs

Room 228, State House, 10:00 a.m.

Tel: 287-1316

LD 1184 – An Act To Provide Funds to the Town of Millinocket Due to the Loss in Valuation of the Katahdin Paper Company.

Criminal Justice & Public Safety

Rm. 436, State House, 1:00 p.m.

Tel: 287-1122

LD 1112 – An Act To Make Technical Changes to the sex Offender Registration and Notification Acts of 1999 and 2013.

Education & Cultural Affairs

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

Tel: 287-3125

LD 1152 – An Act to Amend the Definition of "Property Fiscal Capacity" in the School Funding Law To Address Inequities Affecting Municipalities Experiencing Significant Reductions in Value.

LD 1153 – An Act To Restore Local Control of Education to Towns.

LD 1249 – An Act To Bring Equity to the State Portion of the Education Funding Formula as It Applies to Regional School Unit No. 35.

Health & Human Services

Room 209, Cross State Office Building, 9:30 a.m.

Tel: 287-1317

LD 622 – An Act To Require Training of Mandated Reporters under the Child Abuse Laws.

Judiciary

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

Tel: 287-1327

LD 1147 – An Act To Clarify the Mortgage Foreclosure Sale Process.

LD 1203 – An Act To Address the Detrimental Effects of Abandoned Property.

Labor, Commerce, Research & Economic Development

Room 208, Cross State Office Building, 9:30 a.m.

Tel: 287-1331

LD 1093 – An act Regarding the Municipalities to Which the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code Applies.

LD 1120 – An Act To Repeal the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code.

LD 1157 – An Act To Protect Preemployment Credit Privacy.

LD 1182 – An Act To Exempt Certain Agricultural Buildings from the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code.

LD 1191 – An Act To Remove the Municipal Mandate To Enforce the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code.

State & Local Government

Room 214, Cross State Office Building, 10:00 a.m.

Tel: 287-1330

LD 1206 – An Act To Allow County Corrections Officers To Participate in the Retired County and Municipal Law Enforcement Officers and Municipal Firefighters Health Insurance Program.

LD 1286 – An Act To Ensure the Use of Environmentally Responsible Insulation Materials in Taxpayer-funded Building Projects.

LD 1298 – An Act Relating to the Creation of Public-private Facilities and Infrastructure.

Thursday, April 23

Education & Cultural Affairs

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

Tel: 287-3125

LD 1281 – An Act to Reduce the Burden on Local Communities of Transportation Costs for Special Needs Students.

Energy, Utilities & Technology

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

Tel: 287-4143

LD 1293 – An Act To Allow a Local Distributed Energy Pilot Program.

Environment & Natural Resources

Room 216, Cross State Office Building, 1:00 p.m.

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LD 1204 – An Act To Increase Recycling and Composting by Creating the Maine Recycling Fund.

LD 1208 – An Act Concerning Pavement Sealing Products.

Health & Human Services

Room 209, Cross State Office Building, 1:00 p.m.

Tel: 287-1317

LD 1034 – An act To Prohibit the Use of EBT Cards for Cash Withdrawals.

Taxation

Room 127, State House, 1:00 p.m.

Tel: 287-1552

LD 409 – An Act To Lower the Individual Income Tax Incrementally to Zero.

Transportation

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

Tel: 287-4148

LD 1174 – Resolve. To Study the Feasibility and Cost of Providing Passenger Rail Service to the City of Bangor.

Friday April 24

Criminal Justice & Public Safety

Rm. 436, State House, 1:00 p.m.

Tel: 287-1122

LD 1068 – An act To Allow Certain Active Duty Military Personnel To Pay the Resident Application Fee for a Concealed Handgun Permit.

Veterans & Legal Affairs

Room 437, State House, 10:00 a.m.

Tel: 287-1310

LD 1335 – An Act To Amend the Election Laws.

GA Responsibilities (cont'd)

| LD | General Assistance (GA) Program Related Bills |
|------|--|
| 368 | This bill makes a person who has exhausted the 60-month lifetime limit for TANF ineligible to receive GA. MMA supported. |
| 369 | This bill makes non-citizens ineligible to receive GA. MMA opposed. |
| 722 | This bill makes an individual who as a result of falsifying an application has been issued GA ineligible to receive additional aid for 120 days and until the municipality is reimbursed for the fraudulently provided aid. MMA supported. |
| 1035 | This bill places a 275 day (nine month) limit over a five year period on an otherwise qualifying applicant who is both able to work and who does not have any dependents. MMA opposed. |
| 1036 | This bill makes an applicant for GA who voluntarily abandons or refuses to use available resources or forfeits an available resource due to fraud, misrepresentation or intentional violation or refusal to comply with rules without just cause ineligible to receive GA to replace that resource for a period of 120 days. MMA supported. |
| 1037 | This bill establishes a 180-day (six month) residency requirement for applicants for several federal/state and state/municipal assistance programs, including GA. MMA opposed. |

Natural Gas (cont'd)

gas permitting authorities within their jurisdictions will be watching the work session on LD 1124, tentatively scheduled for April 22nd at 1pm, with the hope that Committee members are able to find a way, via more flexible statutory language or a waiver process or otherwise, to provide additional state guidance without effectively inhibiting the flow of natural gas to urban areas with narrow rights of way.

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Legislative Update from Senator Jim Dill

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Dear Mark,

Last week, Democrats presented the "[Better Deal for Maine](#)" budget plan--a counterproposal to Gov. LePage's budget. While we commend Gov. LePage for joining the much-needed conversation on tax reform, it became clear through the dozens of public hearings, that the LePage plan was out of step with the needs of Maine people.

The Better Deal budget invests in middle-class economics: it allows more Mainers to keep more of their hard-earned money. It lowers property taxes for all Maine homeowners. And, rather than shifting the tax burden on to our communities, as proposed by Gov. LePage, our plan asks non-residents, the top income-earners, and corporations to pay their fair share.

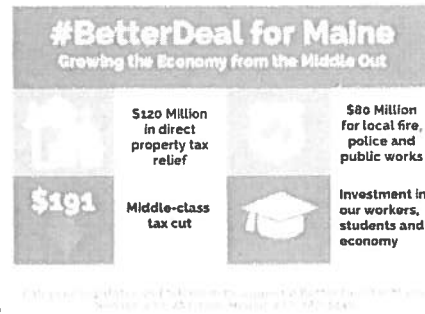
Over the next few weeks, I will be hosting 3 community forums to discuss the state budget. On **Saturday, April 25**, I will join Rep. Stanley and Rep. Turner at the **Medway Middle School from 10 am-12 pm** and at the **Millinocket Town Hall from 1 pm-3 pm**. On **Saturday, May 9**, I will join Rep. Tipping-Spitz at the **Orono Town Hall at 2 pm**. Legislative leaders are also sponsoring an informational forum next **Wednesday, April 22, 6 p.m., at the Hammond Street Congregational Church in Bangor**. Join us to ask questions and find out how the new budget will affect you.

Below, I've provided the highlights of the the Better Deal for Maine plan. Or, as always, I can be reached at 827-3498 or by e-mail at jamesdill207@gmail.com to answer your questions about the budget proposal or any other matter.

Best Regards,

A Better Deal for Maine: the details

The Better Deal cuts income taxes. It directs 98% of income tax breaks to the bottom 95% compared to the LePage plan that favors top income earners by giving 50% of his tax cut to only the top 10% wage earners--individuals with taxable income more than \$134,000.



The Better Deal does not raise the sales tax rate.

While the Better Deal adopts the sales tax broadening plan as proposed by the governor, it keeps the sales tax rate at 5.5%--unlike the LePage plan that raises the sales tax to 6.5%.

The Better Deal cuts property taxes for all Maine homeowners. The LePage plan eliminates the Homestead Exemption for everyone--except those over the age of 65. The Better Deal doubles the Homestead Exemption to \$20,000 for all Maine homeowners--regardless of age.

The Better Deal prevents property tax spikes. The LePage plan eliminates revenue sharing completely by 2017--causing towns to either cut essential services or raise property taxes--or do both. The Better Deal actually increases revenue sharing to \$80 million each year.

The Better Deal does not tax non-profits. The governor creates a new tax on non-profits.

The Better Deal invests in Maine's future. It invests an additional \$20 million more dollars per year in K-12 local schools.

Finally, the Better Deal is fiscally responsible. It's fully paid for now and into the future. The LePage plan is not paid for and creates a budget hole of \$300 million in the next budget cycle.

A Better Deal for Maine: what others are saying

Both the Portland Press Herald and the Bangor Daily News have endorsed the "Better Deal for Maine" budget.

*"...we think the Democrats have the better approach. While both plans [LePage plan and the Better Deal] cut income taxes, **the Democrats focus their relief on the middle class.** [LePage] gives half of his tax cuts to the*

top 5 percent of incomes. The Democratic plan delivers 98 percent of its tax relief to the bottom 95 percent of taxpayers." --Portland Press Herald, 4/12/2015

*"Another major advantage to the Democratic plan is that, unlike the LePage plan, **it leaves no budget hole in the future** that will have to be filled with major cuts (LePage's budget, after all, increases state spending) or new revenues." --Bangor Daily News, 4/10/2015*

What do you think?

Equal Pay Day

Tuesday, April 14th is this year's Equal Pay Day--a day to highlight the difference between what men and women are paid in the U.S. Despite the passage of the Equal Pay Act of 1963 that requires men and women in the same work place be given equal pay for equal work, in Maine, women are paid 81 cents on the dollar to men--amounting to a yearly wage gap of \$8,530.

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Red is worn on this day as a symbol of how far women are "in the red" with their pay.

The lack of equality between what men and women are paid for the same labor, with the same education and credentials, is astonishing and unacceptable. Not only does this pay gap disproportionately affect single mothers, many of whom already struggle to provide for their children with one income, but when race is taken into consideration, these women are at an even greater disadvantage. Join me in recognizing this year's Equal Pay Day--it is 2015, and it is time to start valuing men and women equally for their hard work.

Prescription Drug Take Back Day

Next Saturday, April 25 is the Prescription Drug Take Back Drive.

Prescription drug abuse is on the rise and this drive is a way for you to safely dispose of unused or expired drugs.



In the our area, you can drop them off at the Orono Police Department at 63 Main Street or at the Millinocket Police

Department at 197 Penobscot Avenue. For more locations, click [here](#).

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Welfare Fraud Investigations, Prosecutions Increase Exponentially

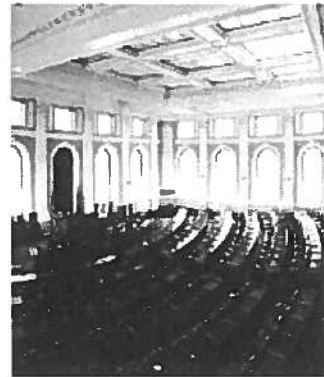
Maine Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)
Commissioner Mary Mayhew said earlier that a recently beefed-up
fraud investigation unit has dramatically increased the number of
welfare fraud cases referred to and successfully prosecuted by the
Maine Attorney General.

To that end, beginning in 2011, DHHS doubled the size of its
welfare fraud investigation team from nine investigators to 18 and
instituted a welfare fraud hotline for members of the public to refer
suspected cases of welfare fraud to investigators.

In 2010, DHHS referred 10 cases to the Attorney General for
investigation, which, in turn, prosecuted six of them. The number
of referrals from DHHS increased to 32 in 2011, 45 in 2012, 66 in
2013, and 81 in 2014. In the first quarter of 2015, DHHS referred
35 cases to the Office of the Maine Attorney General for
prosecution.

The number of cases prosecuted by the Attorney General has
increased similarly, totaling 12 in 2011, 24 in 2012, 31 in 2013, and
27 in 2014.

Cases referred by DHHS to the Office of the Maine Attorney



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General involve criminal fraud and often represent hundreds of hours of investigation by DHHS anti-fraud staff, who then hand off their comprehensive findings to prosecutors. These criminal cases do not include the 228 Intentional Program Violations (IPV) that occurred in 2014, which happen when recipients commit welfare abuse that does not qualify as criminal behavior.

IPVs are up from 172 in 2010, and have numbered 147 in the first quarter of 2015 alone, representing \$718,925 in fraudulently obtained benefits since January.

Mainers made 1,345 calls to the new fraud hotline in 2014. The fraud investigation unit received 4,022 tips from all sources in 2014, including the fraud hotline, Web reporting form, DHHS, and other State employees, law enforcement, the Governor's constituent services office, from investigators, and from the national Public Assistance Reporting Information System (PARIS).

Of the cases referred to the Attorney General so far this year, there were 25 potential counts of theft by deception, 16 of forgery, 13 of unsworn falsification, 12 of misuse of public benefits, and one of trafficking in public benefits.

Some examples of welfare fraud include lying about income or dependent status in order to receive benefits and trading Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) cards for drugs or cash. The DHHS fraud unit has recently trained dozens of law enforcement officers in combatting welfare misuse laws and simplified reporting procedures between law enforcement and DHHS.

The welfare fraud hotline can be reached at 1-866-348-1129 or by clicking [here](#).

Keeping Our Bridges Safe – 2014 Report

The Maine Department of Transportation has released a follow up to the 2007 Keeping Our Bridges Safe Report. To view the publication in its entirety, click [here](#).

NHTSA Safety Advisory: Preventing Brake Pipe

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Failure Due to Corrosion in Older Vehicles

ISSUE: Model year 2007 and earlier vehicles may be susceptible to brake pipe corrosion that can occur after seven to eight years of exposure to winter road salts. If brake pipe corrosion is not properly addressed, there is the potential of brake pipe failure which could result in a crash.



Consumer Actions to Protect Against Brake Pipe Corrosion in Older Vehicles

1. Remove road salt that leads to corrosion:
 - Thoroughly clean your vehicle, including the undercarriage, at the end of the winter
 - Regularly wash the undercarriage throughout the winter.
2. Monitor your brake system, including brake pipes and other undercarriage components for corrosion or signs of brake failure:
 - If you own an older vehicle in a cold-weather state, have a qualified mechanic or inspection station inspect the vehicle at least twice a year. If there are any signs of corrosion, inspect the brakes more frequently, at least every time you bring your vehicle in for service.
 - Keep an eye on brake fluid level. Watch for changes in how your brake pedal feels and for signs of fluid leakage beneath the vehicle. All of these could indicate a leak in your brake pipes.
3. If you find severe corrosion that causes scaling or flaking of brake components, replace the entire brake pipe assembly:
 - Do not replace just a portion of the assembly. Failure in one portion of the brake pipes generally means other sections of pipe are at risk of failure.
 - Check with your manufacturer to see if they have pre-fabricated brake pipe kits to make replacement easier and potentially less expensive.

For additional background information and to access a listing of associated frequently asked questions, click [here](#).

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Date: April 22, 2015

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Planning Workshop—Penjajawoc Stream Watershed Management Plan Update

BANGOR, Maine – The City of Bangor invites interested residents and businesses to attend a watershed planning meeting for Penjajawoc Stream at the City Council Chambers at 73 Harlow Street from 4 – 6 p.m. on Thursday, May 7, 2015. The purpose of the meeting is to update watershed stakeholders about watershed activities completed since development of the 2008 Penjajawoc Stream Watershed Management Plan, and to solicit public feedback on the priorities for stream restoration activities over the next 5 - 10 years. FB Environmental Associates will lead the workshop.

The Penjajawoc Stream watershed includes 8.8 square miles of land in Bangor and Veazie, Maine. The watershed drains a large wetland area known as the Penjajawoc Marsh, and intensely developed commercial areas including Hogan Road and Stillwater Avenue near the Bangor Mall. Several small tributaries flow to Penjajawoc Stream including Meadow Brook and the Mt. Hope Cemetery Brook in the Town of Veazie. Penjajawoc Stream and Meadow Brook are listed on the Maine Department of Environmental Protection's list of impaired waterbodies.

Interested parties, including residents and businesses of Bangor and Veazie are encouraged to attend the workshop. A follow-up meeting is planned for late June 2015 to present the revised watershed plan. For additional information or inquiries, please contact the City of Bangor's Environmental Coordinator, Wynne Guglielmo at (207) 992-4255 or wynne.guglielmo@bangormaine.gov.

The 2008 Penjajawoc Stream Watershed Management Plan may be found on the City's website:
<http://www.bangormaine.gov/filestorage/422/1924/1974/PenjaSWMPFinalDoc082908.pdf>

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MEMORANDUM

TO: MRC Membership
FROM: Greg Lounder
DATE: April 21, 2015
RE: **Regular Meeting of MRC Board of Directors – April 29, 2015**

Upcoming Meeting

Please find enclosed an agenda for the upcoming meeting of the MRC Board of Directors to be held on April 29, 2015 starting **at 10:00 a.m. at the Town of Hampden Municipal Building Western Avenue, Hampden, Maine.** The MRC Board wishes to extend an invitation to all member representatives to attend the upcoming meeting. To assist in our preparation, please contact Greg Lounder at 866-254-3507 or 664-1700 if you plan to attend.

What's New

April 27 Public Information Meeting in Hampden on Fiberight Project

The MRC will be hosting a Public Information Meeting on April 27th at 7:00pm in the Community Room at Hampden Town Hall (106 Western Avenue, Hampden). The Public Information Meeting is an opportunity built into the DEP permitting processes for us to present our proposal to the community, but it's also a chance for members to learn more about the facility and show support. Please join us if you're available and if you aren't, similar content will be available at the April 29 board meeting.

MRC Board to Kick off April 29 Meeting with Fiberight Project Overview

The MRC Board is pleased that the Town of Hampden has offered to host our upcoming meeting on April 29 at the Hampden municipal building starting at 10 AM. As the agenda indicates, there is a full slate of normal business to cover, but the MRC Board and staff will provide an informational overview of where things stand with the Fiberight recycling and processing facility project leading up to a May 15 target date for submittal of an application to the Maine DEP for a processing facility license. A representative of Fiberight will be on hand to provide an overview of the Fiberight MSW recycling and processing technology. Please join us in Hampden on April 29 to hear an overview of our project status and take part in the discussion to follow MRC's and Fiberight's presentation.

PUBLIC MEETING - PLEASE POST
MUNICIPAL REVIEW COMMITTEE, INC. (MRC)
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Hampden Municipal Building, 106 Western Avenue, Hampden, Maine
April 29, 2015

AGENDA

1. 10:00 AM - Call to Order
2. MRC and Fiberight Presentation on the Status of Development of the Fiberight Facility For the MRC Communities – Q&A Session to Follow
3. Consideration of Minutes of May 7, 2014, February 4, and March 11, 2015 Board of Directors Meetings
4. Consideration of Financial Statement and Bills payable as of April 22, 2015
5. 1st Quarter 2015 Tipping Fee Calculation
6. PERC Facility Operations Report – Peter Prata, PERC Plant Manager
7. Charter Municipality Asset Management Report – Custody Account, Tip Fee & Operating Budget Stabilization Funds, Consideration of Withdrawal from the Tip Fee Stabilization Fund for Second Quarter Cash Distribution
8. Report on Status of MRC/Fiberight Site Lease Agreement, Master/Joinder Waste Supply Agreements with Fiberight and Post 2018 Disposition of Equity Charter Municipality and MRC assets
9. Administrative Report – New Charters/Contracts, 2015 GAT Trade Period, Waste Deliveries Trends, MRRA Conference, 2014 MRC Financial Audit, Legislative Matters

12:30 PM Break (Lunch Provided)

10. Executive Session per 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6) (e) Discussion with legal counsel concerning legal rights and duties over potential negotiations involving a post 2018 solid waste disposal option and discussion of pending litigation with PERC's general partner USAE.
11. Adjourn

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



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April 22, 2015

Dear Tree City USA Coordinator:

It's hard to believe spring is here, with Arbor Day/Week/Month upon us. As you may be aware, the State will celebrate Arbor Week this year the 3rd full week in May. The dates will be May 18th through 24th. The State celebration will be held Monday, May 18th, at the Community House in Kennebunkport. I hope you will all plan to attend as we celebrate the achievements of Maine's Tree City USA's.

A reception with light refreshments will begin at 1:00 p.m. with the awards ceremony starting at 1:30 p.m.

Please let me know who will be attending the ceremony from your municipality and who will be accepting your award. In addition, please send me several photos of recent urban and community forestry projects, and/or highlights from your community by May 10th. Along with the photos, if you could send me a short summary of your highlights during the last year, that will be helpful for me in developing the program.

In addition this year, the State is planning to promote Emerald Ash Borer Awareness week that same week. In an effort to cross promote both Arbor and EAB Awareness Weeks, we are coordinating ash tree tagging events statewide. Most people have no idea how many ash trees are in their urban forest, and therefore have no idea of what's at risk until it's too late. Tree tagging events have been organized in Yarmouth, ME, Vermont, New York, and many Midwestern states as an effective way to raise awareness about the threat of the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB). Organizers have found that after a tree tagging event, people are often surprised at the number of ash trees in their community and have a better appreciation for how important ash trees are to the landscape. People with a clear idea of how many ash trees are at risk in their yards and neighborhoods tend to act earlier to manage EAB than people who don't grasp the magnitude of the problem.

The tagging project involves attaching informational cards to ash trees using purple flagging. The tags can be removed anytime. However, we recommend removing them after a month or two, to avoid litter issues. Additionally, many landowners may only want them for a short period of time. Please contact me for a copy of the informational sheet and sample tag.

The Maine Forest Service Project Canopy will provide you with laminated tree tags, tree values, and purple flagging. Also, where available, Forest Pest Outreach Network volunteers are available to assist in developing and delivering your ash tree tagging event. Contact Jan Santerre at 207-287-4987 or jan.santerre@maine.gov for more information and to participate.

I look forward to seeing you there and helping with you Arbor/EAB Awareness week events. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 207-287-4987.

Sincerely,

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Jail Consolidation Between a Rock and a Hard Place

Years of study on how to fix Maine's disjointed county jail system led to two steps being taken forward in the creation of the State Board of Corrections. By choosing not to staff the Board, Governor LePage took that progress one step backwards. The Governor would reportedly like either the state to both control and pay for the jails, or for the counties to do so.

The rub for municipalities in this proposal is that counties do not pay for the jails; local property taxpayers do. And the property taxpayers with concerns about their tax bills take those concerns to the municipalities that collect the tax, not the counties that lay down the assessments.

On both Tuesday and Thursday this week, the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee held work sessions on the jail consolidation bills, LD 186, *An Act To Reverse Jail Consolidation*, as well as LD 195, *An Act Regarding County Jails*. Whether to step forward or step backward is the question for the Committee.

At the request of Rep. Mike Lajoie (Lewiston), the Committee solicited input from municipalities after hearing at great length from county and state officials, who tend to dominate the discussion. On Thursday, the Maine Municipal Association attempted to answer the Committee's call for "concrete" solutions to help chart the future course of county jails in Maine.

MMA began by reiterating the position of its Legislative Policy Committee, expressed in the testimony provided at the public hearing on LD 186, that the right choice from the municipal perspective is clearly to continue to step forward, toward increased coordinated, non-silo management of the jail/correctional system, and provide proper state level funding for what is clearly a state government issue.

The piecemeal approach of the past created a commodities market for prisoners that led to, from a systems-management perspective, inflated jail operational costs that would likely be better controlled by a more coordinated management system.

As MMA explained at the public hearing, state government should not abandon the program it established and the commitments it made to Maine's property taxpayers in 2008 with PL 2007, chapter 653. LD 186 would cancel-out a major state commitment, but everywhere the municipal community turns, state commitments are bending and breaking.

MMA went on to offer a suggestion that would provide cold comfort but at least some form of a backstop in the event the state decides to return the jails entirely

to county control. If the state is going to capitulate on the system it established seven years ago that was designed to more effectively coordinate the utilization of the state's jails and, instead, return to a system where each county attempts to provide jail services for the other counties, increased municipal authority needs to be provided to govern the county budget adoption process.

Specifically, in the event of a retreat on jail consolidation, both the county-specific laws regarding the authorities of the county budget committees that are composed of municipal officials, as well as the general law governing the authority of the municipal finance committees pursuant to county charters, should be

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Relaxing the MUBEC Mandate Attacked

When the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code (MUBEC) was established as the statewide code in 2008, the law provided that some municipalities would be mandated to enforce the code within their jurisdictions and others would not. The building and energy code itself, however, was spread out over the whole land as a matter of state law regardless of whether the town or city was mandated to enforce it or not. Even though MUBEC applied everywhere, only the 168 municipalities with more than 2,000 residents were mandated to enforce it. Well over 300 municipalities in the state were not.

Three years later, the original vision was substantially altered. In 2011, the MUBEC law was changed so that the "statewide" code only applied as a matter

of state law in the 89 municipalities with more than 4,000 inhabitants. In the other 400 towns, no building codes could be adopted or enforced other than MUBEC, and that could only happen if a town among that large group of smaller communities chose to adopt MUBEC at town meeting. Otherwise, no building or energy code would apply. Apparently 20 of the 400 municipalities under 4,000 in population have adopted the MUBEC code.

That's where the MUBEC law stands today but the Legislature's Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development Committee held public hearings on Wednesday that would alter the MUBEC landscape yet again.

One of those bills (LD 1093) would

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change the population level for municipalities obligated to enforce MUBEC from 4,000 inhabitants to 5,000. Another proposal (LD 1120) would repeal MUBEC altogether.

The bill developed by MMA's Legislative Policy Committee as part of the Association's 2015 legislative agenda cuts a different path. Sponsored by Senate President Mike Thibodeau (Waldo Cty.), the proposal developed by MMA was designed to keep MUBEC in place in the 89 municipalities where it is currently the building code, but remove the municipal obligation to enforce, allowing for pure private sector rather than public sector enforcement. In short, the bill developed by MMA's Legislative Policy Committee would scale back one of the most recent, large-scale unfunded state mandates enacted by the Legislature, but otherwise keep the MUBEC code essentially in place.

Unfortunately, there were a couple of structural obstacles that made the clarity of the discussion on MMA's proposal more difficult.

First, MMA's proposal was changed in the Revisor's Office before being printed as LD 1191. *An Act To Remove the Municipal Mandate To Enforce the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code*, and the changes made the proposal more disruptive in implementation than the Association's Policy Committee was proposing.

Second, the public hearing on LD 1191 was a combined public hearing on all the MUBEC-related bills, including the bill that would repeal the MUBEC code outright, so the general theme of the public hearing assumed that all the bills would substantially weaken or roll-back the presence of the MUBEC code, which is not solidly the case with respect to LD 1191.

Even if the bill had been printed as submitted, however, and even if the LCRED Committee did not combine several proposals into one hearing, the tenor of the public hearing would probably not have changed much. Many interest groups are deeply invested in MUBEC for both financial and philosophical reasons and their preference would be to see MUBEC

returned to the law of the land statewide, fully enforced in all municipalities regardless of size. From what could be gleaned from the public hearing on LD 1191, an "unfunded state mandate" imposed on the municipalities is a concept that doesn't trigger a microscopic level of concern among MUBEC proponents.

The original version of LD 1191 (unlike the printed version) would have merely switched the word "must" to the word "may" in the section of MUBEC law that requires all towns and cities over 4,000 in population to enforce the building and energy code. The bill as proposed would not do away with the code in those 89 municipalities; any and all of those communities that wished to continue to enforce the code could do so seamlessly, without any interruption. If a municipality within that group decided it would like to discontinue investing public resources into MUBEC's enforcement, the code could still be enforced at the private-sector level through the use of "third party inspectors" to satisfy any requirements of financing institutions, insurance companies, governmental loan programs, etc.

Senator Thibodeau presented LD 1191 to the Committee expressing two core concerns with the MUBEC requirements. The first was the problem of unfunded state mandates and how they can force municipalities to prioritize programs in a manner that substitutes state government's priorities for the priorities of the local voters. The second but equally important concern expressed by Sen. Thibodeau was the way adherence to the MUBEC code can substantially increase the costs of construction activities beyond some of Sen. Thibodeau's constituents' financial capacity.

Dover-Foxcroft's Town Manager, Jack Clukey, testified in support of LD 1191 with a description of how his community of just over 4,000 residents never had a building code before the MUBEC code was mandated, and the nearest community to his town that falls under the MUBEC code is at least 40 miles away. Building construction is being pushed out of Dover-Foxcroft, building permits are dropping each year, and the local busi-

nesses associated with construction are very concerned.

MMA also testified in support of LD 1191. MMA's Legislative Policy Committee developed the proposal as part of its 2015 legislative agenda for two primary purposes. The current layout of the MUBEC system in Maine is pushing at least some development over the town or city line into communities without the MUBEC code. Creating development incentives adverse to a population-based class of communities should not be the result of state imposed policy. The other public policy injustice associated with MUBEC is the significant retraction in any state financial support for the mandatory functions the Legislature imposes on local government. The municipal revenue sharing program has been cut by over \$300 million since MUBEC was enacted in 2008, but the state mandates stay rock solid in place without relaxation or abatement.

About 20 people testified in opposition to the MUBEC bills, including: the American Council of Civil Engineers, GrowSmart Maine, the Code Enforcement Officer for the City of Saco, the Homebuilders/Remodelers Association of Maine, the Structural Engineers Association of Maine, Maine Preservation, the Maine Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, the Maine Building Officials and Inspectors Association, the Maine Real Estate and Development Association, the Maine Contractors and Builders Alliance, the New England Energy Efficiency Partnership, State Farm Insurance, the International Codes Council, Efficiency First, the Maine Indoor Air Quality Council....you get the idea.

As indicated above, those testifying in opposition (with one exception) did not spend a lot of time trying to parse out the differences between the several MUBEC-related bills. The testimony generally repeated several key claims:

- The MUBEC code promotes the public's health, safety and welfare so retreating from MUBEC in any way will be detrimental to the public good.

- At least 40 other states have adopted a full blown MUBEC system or something similar, so retreating from MUBEC in any

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way will make Maine an "outlier" state.

- Whether the consumers of construction services know it or not, the MUBEC standards will save them money in the long run by providing longer lasting and more energy efficient structures.

- The solution to the problem of development retreating to non-MUBEC communities is not to relax the mandate where it presently exists but, rather, to spread the mandate out to all the towns and cities in Maine.

- There are nearly 200 "third party inspectors" statewide, so alternatives to municipal enforcement already exist (a grossly inaccurate claim...the function and public costs of "enforcement" is primarily focused on people who violate the code, not those who would willingly

utilize third party inspectors).

- Without MUBEC, allegedly, people will not be able to get federal loans for construction because the federal government requires code compliance for housing assistance.

Only the Maine Real Estate and Developers' Association (MEREDA) pointed out that MMA's bill, as originally proposed, was not trying to repeal MUBEC but only relax the municipal obligation to enforce. MEREDA's observation was that relaxing the municipal mandate would not change the MUBEC-compliant behavior of that organization's membership...a refreshingly mature observation.

For their part, several members of the Labor, Commerce, Research and

Economic Development Committee expressed concern and confusion about why MMA's Legislative Policy Committee would advance a proposal to allow Maine's largest municipalities to make choices about whether to use public resources or rely on the private sector to enforce the MUBEC standards. Not for the first time, these Committee members questioned whether the municipal point of view was being fairly represented by MMA's Legislative Policy Committee. A side bar to this article includes the current membership of MMA's Legislative Policy Committee. LCRED Committee members are invited to contact those municipal officials directly if they wish to ascertain how well they represent their municipal constituents and counterparts.

Broadband Bills Back Online

The Energy, Utilities and Technology Committee held hearings on another three bills in the batch of a dozen “serious” broadband bills on Tuesday this week. These bills continue to suggest different approaches to enabling a quicker build-out of high-speed internet infrastructure, and continue to be resisted by the existing providers.

The bill that arguably has the most “legs” because it has been sponsored or co-sponsored by bi-partisan legislative leadership from both chambers, LD 1063, *An Act To Promote Community Broadband Planning and Strengthen Economic Opportunity throughout Maine*, would re-orient the ConnectME Authority. The mission of that Authority has been to help with last-mile internet build out to areas without reliable internet access, or any internet access at all. For many, that build out has not seemed fast enough nor the funds adequate for the task. The Authority’s new orientation would be towards issuing planning grants to fill connection gaps and ensure actual broadband penetration. Funding for these grants would come from expanding the current 25 cent assessment on landline telephones by imposing this fee on mobile phones as well.

Also heard was LD 1185, *An Act To Establish the Municipal Gigabit Broadband Network Access Fund*, sponsored by Rep. Norman Higgins (Dover-Foxcroft). Rep. Higgins’ bill would have the Maine Department of Economic and Community Development administer planning grants instead of the ConnectME Authority, aiming to allocate grants that would achieve the appropriate price points and speeds and be able to withstand the rapidly changing pace of technology. With some amendment, LD 1185 now seeks \$6 million for 25 grants with funding from the state’s General Fund because, according to Rep. Higgins, if broadband access is worth achieving it deserves a General Fund appropriation.

Supporters of the bills included the Public Advocate, the ConnectME Authority, the University of Maine, Great Works Internet, Maine Fiber Company, the AARP, and the Coastal Enterprise and Island Institutes. In addition to the Mayors’ Coalition, several municipal of-

ficials testified including Rockport Town Manager Rick Bates, Islesboro Broadband Internet Working Group Chair Page Clason, South Portland Information Technology Director Chris Dumais, and Orono Assistant Town Manager Belle Ryder.

Mr. Clason sees Islesboro’s lack of broadband as a threat to his community’s ability to attract and retain young people and businesses. Working with ConnectME has been helpful, but his group knows firsthand that the Authority needs more capacity for planning assistance. Mr. Bates emphasized the need to employ broad vision in planning for what may be a dramatic shift in how people live and work. Mr. Dumais explained South Portland’s recent roll-out and 50/50 partnership that created a twenty-year lease between the city and provider GWI. Ms. Ryder did the same for Orono’s experience, providing hard data for the Committee to consider. According to Ryder, fiber optic cable costs roughly \$15,000 per-mile to hang, and

investments from Orono and Old Town are allowing those municipalities to lease fiber to the service providers. This effort aims to ultimately result in residents and businesses being offered more reliable access at more affordable prices.

Internet service providers Verizon, Metrocast, Fairpoint, Time Warner Cable, and the Telecommunications Association of Maine testified either in opposition or neither for nor against the bills. In various ways, each utility company criticized the municipal interest in affordable, dependable broadband, calling for municipalities to be better informed before making decisions and to “step up to the plate” financially.

Inherent in the opponents’ strategy is a call for further delay and study, which is exactly what has led to residents’ and business’ calls for action at the local level. One member of the peanut gallery noted they had never seen this much opposition to small scale planning grants.

No work sessions on the broadband bills have been scheduled yet.

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amended or refreshed as necessary to ensure that the existing county budget/finance committees have the final say on county jail budgets before municipal budgets are required to pay for them.

Perhaps not surprisingly, the counties took issue with the suggestion that the governmental entity saddled with obtaining the financial resources to satisfy the jail budgets, be it the state or the municipalities, should have any special level of oversight over the budgets. In the view of at least a majority of counties, they are entirely accountable to the property taxpayers and cooperate admirably with one another. Unfortunately, history does not help prove their point when it comes to the management of county jails.

After a decidedly circular discussion on Tuesday, Committee member Rep. Rick Long (Sherman) arrived with an amendment on Thursday that he hoped would lead to a more targeted discussion. This amendment begins to demonstrate in a concrete way how the property taxpayers are going to be put in harm’s way with the enactment of LD 186.

As proposed by Rep. Long, the new

approach to Maine’s jail management would be accomplished in three steps. First, the Board of Corrections would be repealed. Second, responsibility for the county jails would be returned to the counties and they would be allowed to charge \$108/day prisoner boarding rates to the other counties. Third, the state Department of Corrections would be required to provide funding, as follows: \$14.7 million in state funding would be allocated for FY 2016, roughly \$11.9 million would be allocated for FY 2017, and roughly \$9.2 million would be allocated for FY 2018. For FY 2019 and beyond, the state may or may not pay \$7.9 million annually and property taxpayers will cover the rest of the estimated \$82.5 million – in today’s dollars – it costs to run the county jails every year.

Several Committee members found it difficult to appreciate how revoking state funding will in fact provide a “soft landing,” which is the term proponents of shifting jails costs to the property taxpayers have used to describe their proposal. More work sessions will be held on these

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Rethinking Abandoned Property Management

On Wednesday this week, the Judiciary Committee held a series of hearings on bills related to mortgages and things that can go wrong with mortgages, like title defects, power of sale, improper discharges, notice, mediation, pre-mediation, good faith and bad faith, and the topic of municipal importance, which is owner abandonment. Presented to the Committee by its sponsor, Senator Nate Libby (Androscoggin Cty.), LD 1203, *An Act To Address the Detrimental Effects of Abandoned Property*, was advanced as part of MMA's 2015 legislative policy platform. The bill allows municipalities, after giving ample notice to both resident owners and financing institutions, to maintain properties abandoned by their resident owners in order to prevent dilapidation and recoup the costs of that maintenance from the remaining owners, which are typically the foreclosing banks.

LD 1203 has four components. The first is to allow Maine's municipalities to hold hearings that would determine whether a property is abandoned, and to order maintenance when it is. Second, if the resident owner or mortgagee lender will not comply with the order to maintain the property, the municipality can step in to do so before the property dilapidates, utilizing a lien process to recoup the costs of the property maintenance. Third, municipalities would also be able to fine owners and lenders who have not responded to maintenance orders. Fourth, the bill requires lenders to have an in-state contact so that municipalities can at least have someone to talk to in the circumstances of property abandonment and foreclosure.

Properties in various regions of the state, both single family and multi-unit, new and historic, are being abandoned, leaving a range of impacts. In individual cases the empty property may exist as a stand-alone, but when abandonment is aggregated the vacant properties contribute to the deterioration of entire neighborhoods. Municipalities currently only have the tax lien foreclosure process and condemnation authority in their toolkit to address problematic properties. The issue with these two approaches is that by the time either kicks-in the property can

already have become an irreparable loss.

Additional tools that enable municipal intervention before the point of no return are sorely needed throughout the state, and acutely in the cities of Lewiston and Bangor. In Lewiston, 58 properties, enough to house hundreds of residents, have been demolished since 2012. Lewiston's City Administrator, Ed Barrett, explained to the committee that there is a clear need for a shift in this area of property law that will allow municipalities to get out of the "let's tear it down" business and into the "let's build it up" business.

In Bangor, the number of buildings being torn down has been lower, totaling six in 2014. The city had been interested in restoring and re-selling these properties, but they were too far out of code for rehab. According to Assistant City Solicitor Paul Nicklas, Bangor started implementing a vacant properties registry ordinance in 2013. Nicklas cited statistics showing foreclosed homes, which often house squatters and drug dealers, to be 2 to 4 times as likely to be abandoned as homes that have not been foreclosed upon.

The Mayors' Coalition backed these cities up at the public hearing, explaining how municipalities must be allowed to step in when mortgage holders won't act. Pine Tree Legal Assistance testified neither for nor against LD 1203, observ-

ing that cities would not demolish properties without good reason and the fact that substantial demolition is occurring suggests the situation is critical.

The Judiciary Committee room was packed with representatives of many of the major in-state and national financial institutions, but only three spoke in opposition to LD 1203: the Maine Credit Union League, the Maine Bankers Association, and Wells Fargo. None disputed the fact that a problem exists, but all took serious issue with the bill. It is clear the lending banks or "mortgagee" community is strongly opposed to the language of LD 1203 as drafted. In their view, requiring mortgage holders to maintain the properties they initially financed and ultimately foreclosed upon is a sea change that could result in less loans being issued and a drought on lending.

According to Sen. Libby, Maine banks have been responsive to property care needs in his city. But other lending institutions seem to want to delay either due to not having a clear picture of what they own, or a desire not to take responsibility. Sen. Libby is sick of seeing well-built and once cared-for buildings go derelict, and so are other municipal officials.

The bill is now in the hands of the Judiciary Committee, which has asked the parties to attempt to find common ground.

Municipal Authority To Issue Concealed Weapons Permits In Play

Legislation that would make the Chief of the State Police the sole authority in the State for the issuance of concealed weapons permits, thereby revoking the municipal authority to do so, was heard along with a slew of other weapons-related bills on April 8. It has been brought to the attention of MMA's State and Federal Relations staff that there seems to be a lack of awareness at the local level regarding this legislation, which was opposed by MMA's Legislative Policy Committee but has not yet been reported on in the *Legislative Bulletin*. Here is the latest:

The bill at issue is LD 823, *An Act To*

Upgrade the Concealed Handgun Permit Law. LD 823 amends the laws concerning permits to carry concealed handguns by: (1) making the Chief of the State Police the sole issuing authority for a permit; (2) extending the term of a concealed weapons permit from 4 years to 10 years; and (3) removing the requirement that a handgun safety course taken by an applicant must have been taken within 5 years of the date of application.

Members of the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee as well as the state law enforcement community are

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Opening Up Tax Abatement Law

Wednesday a week ago, April 15, the Taxation Committee received testimony on LD 1055, *An Act To Allow a Municipality To Abate Taxes Assessed on Property That is Destroyed*. As proposed by Rep. Janice Cooper of Yarmouth, municipalities would be allowed to abate the taxes paid on property that after the April 1 date of assessment suffers a 50% or greater decrease in just value due to fire, explosion or natural disaster. The bill also caps the value of any abatement provided to an individual homesteader to 10% of that tax year's "overlay." In cases where a municipality receives multiple requests for abatements, no more than 50% of the value of the overlay can be used to fund the abatements.

The public policy question at the center of LD 1055 is whether or not the April 1 "universal date of assessment" is a hard or flexible deadline, and if a flexible deadline, how should it be flexed.

Under existing law, the value of all real and personal property in existence in the community is cemented as of April 1. All property value lost or created after that date is neither added to nor subtracted from the community's total assessed value until the next year. As a result, some property owners who build new homes or make improvements to existing homes after April 1 experience a benefit for that tax year. In this case, property taxes are not assessed on the increased value until the following year. In other cases, however, where a home is damaged after the April 1 date, an owner is still taxed on the value of the property as it existed on April 1. To the extent that the date provides an advantage, all

similarly situated property owners are advantaged. To the extent that the date creates a disadvantage, all similarly situated property owners are disadvantaged.

Rep. Cooper believes that, in certain circumstances, the assessment date should be flexible to help to ease the property tax burdens placed on homeowners that experience significant losses of value after the date of assessment. For that reason, she advanced LD 1055.

Municipal officials, however, believe that in order to practicably administer the property tax system, ensure the equitable assessment of property taxes and implement a similarity of treatment for all property taxpayers, an "all in" date must be established and adhered to regardless of the situation.

From the municipal perspective, the abatement authority provided in LD 1055 chips away at the foundation of tax policy equity by designating a class of property owners as being more deserving of a tax break than others. Community leaders are concerned that if this request for special treatment is granted, in the future the Legislature will be regularly fielding requests for abatement authority for other classes of property taxpayers (e.g., commercial property, non-primary residential property, etc.) who experience less significant losses of property tax value (e.g., 40% damage, 20% damage, etc.), at virtually any time of the year. As history has taught us, exceptions beget exceptions.

Municipal officials are concerned with the requirement in LD 1055 that an abatement must be granted to a qualifying taxpayer regardless of when the loss of property occurs. For example, a resident who loses a home to fire on March 31 after receiving a year's worth of municipal services would be entitled to the same abatement provided to a resident who lost her home on the previous April 2. From property owner to property owner, there is no equity in that approach.

As part her testimony on LD 1055, Rep. Cooper was dismissive of the concerns raised by MMA and stated that municipalities routinely provide abatements for destruction of property in violation of state law. According to the bill's sponsor, "*Many towns, I have*

learned, either ignore the MMA's legal analysis (or) reject it. They routinely re-assess homes destroyed after April 1 and make adjustment to the victim's tax bill. They understand that that's the fair thing to do. I know, for example, that my neighboring town, North Yarmouth, has done so. Other legislators have told me that is what happens in their towns."

The allegation that municipalities are assessing property contrary to law is serious and deserving of further exploration. It is doubtful municipal assessors regularly abridge their oath, but it is possible that an owner of a destroyed property is able to demonstrate eligibility for a poverty abatement, which is a different process that does not involve changing the assessed value of the property. The communities that are abating taxes in violation of state law referred to by Rep. Cooper were unnamed, so it is difficult for MMA to get the municipal side of those claims. However, the towns of Yarmouth and North Yarmouth were contacted. According to the managers from both municipalities, neither community has modified an April 1-based assessment other than for one of the three reasons allowed by law, which are error, overvaluation based on the April 1 condition of the property, or "inability to contribute to the public charge" (poverty).

LD 1055 is slated for work session on Monday, April 27.

Jails (cont'd)

bills over the coming week or weeks, and it is still too soon to predict how the Committee will vote.

County officials in at least one county are providing excellent town-by-town impact information to their municipal counterparts, based on LD 186 being enacted under this most recent proposal from Rep. Long. Municipal officials in counties where that information is not being provided by county officials are encouraged to generate that type of data for public review or ask their county counterparts to generate and share the impact information that the towns and their property taxpayers deserve. The Criminal Justice Committee needs to assess just how hard of a landing property taxpayers should expect with the passage of LD 186 and the withdrawal of state financial support for the county jails.

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LEGISLATIVE HEARINGS

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Monday, April 27

State & Local Government

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

LD 862 – An Act To Clarify Who May Authorize Repairs in a Burying Ground.

LD 1328 – An Act To Clarify the Ownership of and Access to Ancient and Family Burying Grounds.

Veterans & Legal Affairs

Room 437, State House, 9:00 a.m.
Tel: 287-1310

LD 1066 – An Act to Provide for the Licensing of a Casino Owned by the Maliseet Tribal Government on Tribal Lands in Aroostook County.

LD 620 – An Act To Allow Veterans' Organizations To Own and Operate Slot Machines.

LD 1213 – An Act To Ensure Fair Competition by and between Maine's Commercial Tracks.

LD 1280 – An Act To Provide Income Tax Relief by Expanding Gaming Opportunities.

LD 1283 – An Act To Stimulate Economic Development and Create Jobs by Amending the Laws Governing Gaming.

Tuesday, April 28

Education & Cultural Affairs

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

LD 933 – An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Task Force To End Student Hunger in Maine.

Inland Fisheries & Wildlife

Room 206, Cross State Office Building, 1:00 p.m.
Tel: 287-1338

LD 1226 – An Act To Establish a Comprehensive Hunting License.

Judiciary

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

LD 1085 – An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Right To Know Advisory Committee Concerning Receipt of a Request for Public Records.

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.

LD 1087 – An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Right To Know Advisory Committee Concerning Response Deadlines and Appeals.

LD 1088 – An Act To Implement Recommendations of the Right To Know Advisory Committee.

LD 1241 – An Act To Increase Government Efficiency.

Labor, Commerce, Research & Economic Development

Room 208, Cross State Office Building, 1:00 p.m.
Tel: 287-1331

LD 1361 – An Act To Promote Minimum Wage Consistency.

Transportation

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

LD 1110 – An Act To Modernize Road User Fees.

LD 1301 – An Act To Improve the Safety of Vulnerable Users in Traffic and To Clarify the Responsibilities of Bicyclists and Pedestrians.

LD 1308 – An Act To Eliminate the Requirement That Truck Campers Be Registered.

LD 1320 – An Act To Amend the Motor Vehicle Laws.

Wednesday, April 29

Energy, Utilities & Technology

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

LD 1309 – An Act To Create the Central Maine Water District.

State & Local Government

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

LD 494 – An Act Regarding the Maintenance of Easements.

LD 1325 – An Act To Ensure a Public Process When Discontinuing or Abandoning a Public Road.

Taxation

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

LD 183 – An Act To Decrease Property Taxes by Increasing the Sales Tax.

LD 786 – An Act To Help Property Taxpayers.

LD 899 – An Act To Ensure a Stable Percentage of Revenue Sharing for Municipalities.

LD 910 – An Act To Fully Fund Municipal Revenue Sharing.

LD 980 – An Act To Restore Revenue Sharing.

LD 1060 – An Act To Strengthen Revenue Sharing.

Thursday, April 30

Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry

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

LD 783 – RESOLUTION. Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Establish a Right to Food.

Education & Cultural Affairs

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

LD 1081 – An Act To Change the Individualized Education Program Notice Requirements.

LD 1180 – An Act To Require Education in Public Preschool Programs and Elementary School Regarding Child Sexual Abuse.

Inland Fisheries & Wildlife

Room 206, Cross State Office Building, 1:00 p.m.
Tel: 287-1338

LD 913 – An Act To Expand Public Opportunities for Wildlife Management Education.

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Weapons (cont'd)

reportedly not seeking to revoke the authority for municipalities to issue concealed weapons permits willy nilly. They appreciate that the demand from citizens and responsiveness of local governments is driving the 150-plus municipalities who issue these permits to provide that service.

Even though LD 823 is not widely supported as printed, the bill has not been disposed of by the Committee because it may be necessary in the event that other legislation is enacted to allow for what is known as "Constitutional Carry" in Maine. A Constitutional Carry law would nullify the need for weapons permits within state borders, although residents may be interested in obtaining certain certification when travelling to other states. Such permits would arguably need to be issued at the state level to satisfy the reciprocity requirements in other states.

The bottom line is that the municipal authority to issue concealed weapons permits is unlikely to be repealed unless Constitutional Carry passes, in which

case the municipal concealed weapons permitting authority would, in a matter

of speaking, be thrown out with the bath water.

HEARINGS (cont.)

Judiciary

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

Tel: 287-1327

LD 686 – An Act To Promote Privacy in Social Media.

LD 1168 – An Act To Prohibit the Use of Eminent Domain in Certain Public-private Partnerships and To Prohibit the Use of Eminent Domain by a Private Business Entity in a Public-private Partnership.

Taxation

Room 127, State House, 1:00 p.m.

Tel: 287-1552

LD 967 – An Act To Establish Municipal Cost Components for Unorganized Territory Services To Be Rendered in Fiscal Year 2015-16.

Friday, May 1

Criminal Justice & Public Safety

Rm. 436, State House, 9:00 a.m.

Tel: 287-1122

LD 1200 – An Act to Create a Civil Cause of Action for Intentional Interference with Business Operations.

LD 1243 – An Act To Make the Law Regarding Critical Incident Stress Management Teams More Beneficial and Effective.

Veazie school leaders dispute town's budget figures; special meeting Wednesday

By Nok-Noi Ricker, BDN Staff

Posted April 19, 2015, at 6:26 p.m.

VEAZIE, Maine — A special edition town newsletter sent to residents contains school budget information that is not sitting well with school officials who have scheduled a special Wednesday night school board meeting at the Veazie Community School to discuss the matter.

“The figures in the articles are wrong,” Superintendent Rick Lyons said Saturday. “That is why we’re holding the special school committee meeting Wednesday.”

At issue is the direction given in the newsletter by town leaders to spend all of the school’s fund balance and somehow cut another half million, Lyons said.

“That’s 16 percent of the budget — that is not doable,” the superintendent said.

After hearing that there are possible problems with the school budget figures on Page 3 of the newsletter, town officials are planning to discuss the matter at their April 27 meeting, Chairwoman Tammy Perry said Sunday.

“I requested they [the school board] come to the next council meeting,” Perry said. “I believe budget issues need to be discussed in public.”

The town’s plan is to reduce what locals contribute to the \$4.2 million school budget by dropping the local allocation from \$2.7 million to \$2.2 million, and offsetting the school’s revenue loss by using \$500,000 from the \$866,860 in “settlement” funds received this year from the separation from RSU 26.

“With this recommendation, the school retains \$366,860 of the RSU settlement and the town captures \$500,000,” the newsletter states.

“When Veazie came out of the RSU, they came out with \$866,000 [in operating and carry forward costs]. It’s not a settlement,” the superintendent explained.

In separate referendums in November 2012, residents of Glenburn and Veazie — two of the three towns that make up RSU 26 — voted to pull out of the school district they formed less than three years before, leaving Orono as the only member. Lyons, who is also superintendent for RSU 22 in Hampden, was hired in mid-2013.

Veazie town officials state in the newsletter that “the school will not be required to decrease their overall budget and will be able to use their reserves to make up the difference,” which Lyons said is just not true without serious cuts at the school.

“They’re [town leaders] directing the drawdown and use of the entire fund balance,” the superintendent said.

The school has about \$200,000 in the fund balance account, which is about half of what the auditor suggests. Typically auditors want 10 percent of a district's operating costs in the bank for emergencies, which would be \$420,000 for Veazie if the school's fund balance was properly funded, Lyons said.

The town stands behind the figures presented in the newsletter, Perry said, adding that "These are our recommendations."

She also said, "This budget isn't done. This is the beginning."

Lyons said this is far from the beginning since there is a May 11 deadline for the council to approve the school budget, which is why "Wednesday night's meeting is very important."

Since the 2015-16 budget process began a couple month ago, school leaders have already made deep cuts, Lyons said.

"We've already cut \$170,000 from the first draft," the superintendent said. "We cut a teaching position, two full-time education technicians, reduced the curriculum development [budget] and cut \$40,000 from out-of-district placement [contingency account]."

The special Veazie school committee meeting is 7 p.m. Wednesday in the school's library.

<http://bangordailynews.com/2015/04/19/news/bangor/veazie-school-leaders-dispute-towns-budget-figures-special-meeting-wednesday/> printed on April 24, 2015

A black and white portrait of a middle-aged man with short, light-colored hair. He is wearing a white dress shirt and a dark, patterned tie. He is looking slightly to his left with a gentle smile. The background is out of focus, showing some light-colored fabric or a wall.

<http://bangordailynews.com/2015/04/23/news/bangor/veazie-officials-clash-over-councils-...> 4/24/2015

In an overview of the board's proposed \$4.2 million gross budget, down roughly \$7,200 from this year's budget, Lyons noted school officials already have eliminated a classroom teaching position, the equivalent of two education tech posts, the curriculum stipend and contingency funding for one out-of-district placement.

School officials, however, can't alter out-of-district placements because they are required to provide them for students with severe behavioral and emotional difficulties.

They also can't change transportation and maintenance costs and contracted salary and benefit expenses, leaving them little wiggle room in other budget areas, so cutting another \$500,000, as the town council intends, would have "very drastic" effects, Lyons said.

"We would eliminate another classroom teacher. We would eliminate all middle school sports and extracurricular activities. We would eliminate middle school foreign language," he said.

"We would eliminate classroom music, instrumental music, art instruction, physical education and health, guidance, technology and library. Those would all be eliminated," he said, adding, "the theme here are your support services — maintaining the integrity of your classroom teachers but not having the support services."

The budget cuts would not end there, Lyons said, adding meeting the council's mandate also would mean reductions in speech and language services and the literacy specialist's service. School officials also would have to take a hard look at technology hardware, books, supplies and building repairs, he said.

"Let me make this point. If we did that, we wouldn't be in compliance with the law. We would have to ask the state for a waiver," he said, citing the requirements of Title 20-A Section 6209, which established the Maine Learning Results.

The law requires, among other things, student proficiencies in such areas as English language arts, world languages, health and physical education and performing arts, to name a few.

Faculty must have endorsements in those content areas in order to teach them.

"They would have to be integrated into the classrooms by trained certified classroom teachers, so we would have to look at that with a very careful eye if we went down that road," he said.

Attendees who spoke during the meeting either supported Veazie Community School, which some said was the reason they moved to Veazie, or sought clarification on various budget items, figures or terms. None spoke in support of the council's plan.

After learning there might be problems with the school budget figures in the town newsletter, Council Chairwoman Tammy Perry said over the weekend the school budget would be discussed at the council's April 27 meeting and councilors asked the school board attend.

She further said the town stands behind the figures presented in the newsletter.

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Lyons, however, said the so-called "settlement funds" actually are operating and carry-forward costs.

Town officials also stated in the newsletter that "the school will not be required to decrease their overall budget and will be able to use their reserves to make up the difference."

Lyons said that was not true without serious cuts at the school. He said the school has about \$200,000 in the fund balance account, about half of what the auditor suggests.

At the end of the roughly hour-long meeting, school board Chairman Gavin Batchelder noted that voters will have the final say on the budget at the town meeting in June.

"This is a democratic process and we're going to have a difference of opinions. You can support the local [allocation] for the schools or you can not support it," he said.

"But whatever decision you make, it should be based upon the facts and you need to know this fact: The council's math does not work. The [town's] newsletter is not right."

<http://bangordailynews.com/2015/04/23/news/bangor/veazie-officials-clash-over-councils-school-budget-plan/> printed on April 24, 2015

With Special Thanks

TO ALL OF YOU

"To know you

is to know people

who are kind, considerate,

and thoughtful.

To know you

is to be grateful

for the special things you do."

For everything you've done...

for being the special people

that you are...

thank you so very much.

This card says everything
that I would of said
about our Police Dept.
and more. I really
appreciate everything
that you all do to keep
our town safe.
Thanks again.
Sandy Corbin

SUMMARY FOR TOWN OF VEAZIE BUDGET

FY 2015-2016

as of 04/23/2015

| <u>ACCT NUMBER</u> | <u>ACCOUNT</u> | <u>REQUESTED AMOUNT</u> | <u>SUMMARY</u> |
|--------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|----------------|
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| 200 | Police Department | \$329,971.00 | \$0.00 |
| 300 | Fire Department | \$212,029.00 | \$13,539.00 |
| 400 | Public Works Department | Eliminated | \$0.00 |
| 500 | Recreation Department | \$15,000.00 | \$447.00 |
| 550 | Community Investment | \$30,600.00 | \$6,800.00 |
| 600 | Capital | \$165,000.00 | \$0.00 |
| 700 | Reserve | \$64,000.00 | \$0.00 |
| 800 | Fixed Cost | \$452,760.00 | \$33,511.00 |
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| | School | | |

TOTAL: \$63,985.00 increase

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Updated: 04/23/15

Town of Veazie

Budget Request FY 2015 - 2016

600 Accounts Capital Accounts

04/23/2015
Date

| Past Fiscal Year And Anticipated Need For The Coming Year | Budget FY 2014-2015 | Anticipated 2015-2016 |
|---|------------------------|--------------------------|
| | \$165,000.00 | \$165, 000.00 |

| Proposed Budget Fiscal Year 15-16 | Manager's Request | Council / Budget Approved \$ | % Increase % (Decrease) |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| | \$165,000.00 | \$165,00.00 | |

The 600 Accounts will see no increase or decrease from FY 14/15. I'm requesting the same funding that was approved for FY 14/15. Of the \$165,000.00 requested it will be spent in the following manner:

Police Department= \$5,000.00 This money will be used to replace the overall phone system for the building which is nearly 20 years old and we are beginning to experience failure in the system. I have allocated a third of the cost to each of the departments.

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Highway= \$150,000.00 The Council requested that an initial request be made for \$150,000.00 to go toward highway projects. Software has been purchased to help with deciding the areas that should be paved. Once this document is prepared it will be presented for discussion on what roads will be chosen for paving during FY 15/16.

Initial Request Worksheet
Expense

| Account | Current Budget | Budget Request |
|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Dept: 600 CAP FUNDS | | |
| CAPITAL PROJ | | |
| 90-010 POLICE DEPAR | 4,000.00 | 5,000.00 |
| 90-020 EXECUTIVE DE | 3,000.00 | 5,000.00 |
| 90-090 VEMA | 0.00 | |
| 90-100 FIRE DEPT CA | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 |
| 90-130 CEM PROJ CAP | 3,000.00 | |
| 90-140 HIGHWAY CAP | 150,000.00 | 150,000.00 |
| CAP FUNDS | 165,000.00 | 165,000.00 |
| Expense Totals: | 165,000.00 | 165,000.00 |

Town of Veazie

Budget Request FY 2015-2016

900 Accounts Mandatory Summary

Date: 04/23/2015

| Past Fiscal Year And Anticipated Need For The Coming Year | Budget FY 2014-2015 | Anticipated 2015-2016 |
|---|------------------------|--------------------------|
| | \$3,164,588.00 | \$360,039.00* |

| Proposed Budget Fiscal Year 15-16 | Department Request | Manager's Request | Council / Budget Approved \$ | Increase (Decrease) |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| | \$360,039.00* | \$360,039.00* | | (\$21,211.00)* |

At the time of this presentation this account will see a \$21,211.00 decrease. Not included in these figures are the TIF Financing, Overlay and Education. TIF Financing and Overlay will be figured once the budget process is completed. As of this writing I have not entered the education amount because the final budget number is still unknown.

Decreases:

\$ 22,500.00 Sewer Assessment

Increases:

\$1,289.00 County Tax

Overall Difference= \$21,211.00 reduction

*** Not including figures for education***

Initial Request Worksheet
Expense

| Account | Current Budget | Budget Request |
|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Dept: 900 MANDATORY | | |
| FIXED COSTS | | |
| 45-650 OVERLAY | 18,065.23 | |
| 45-700 COUNTY TAX | 284,750.00 | 286,039.00 |
| 45-750 SEWER DIST | 96,500.00 | 74,000.00 |
| 45-800 TIF FIN | 941,568.00 | |
| MISC | | |
| 95-200 EDUCATION | 2,714,264.00 | |
| MANDATORY | 4,055,147.23 | 360,039.00 |
| Expense Totals: | 4,055,147.23 | 360,039.00 |

Initial Request Worksheet Revenue

| Account | Current Budget | Budget Request |
|---------|-------------------|-------------------|
|---------|-------------------|-------------------|

Dept: 100 GENERAL GOVE

| | | |
|-------------------|--------------|------------|
| 1100 RE TAX COMM | 2,558,554.14 | |
| 1200 PP TAX COMM | 2,449,610.46 | |
| 1300 EXCISE-BMV | 300,000.00 | 300,000.00 |
| 1350 EXCISE-BOATS | 1,500.00 | 1,500.00 |
| 1500 TAX INT&COST | 10,000.00 | 10,000.00 |
| 2100 MUNIC REV SH | 119,139.00 | 119,139.00 |
| 2200 LOCL RD ASST | 15,000.00 | 15,000.00 |
| 2300 GA REIMBURSE | 7,000.00 | 7,000.00 |
| 2420 VET REIMBURS | 2,000.00 | 2,000.00 |
| 2460 TREE GROWTH | 300.00 | 300.00 |
| 2470 BETE | 2,320.00 | 2,320.00 |
| 2500 SNO MO REIMB | 400.00 | 400.00 |
| 3100 CLERKS FEES | 500.00 | 600.00 |
| 3200 AGENT FEES | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 |
| 3300 VITAL RECRDS | 750.00 | 750.00 |
| 3400 PLUMB PERMIT | 500.00 | 500.00 |
| 3450 BLDG PERMIT | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 |
| 3460 ELEC PERMIT | 250.00 | 250.00 |
| 3500 MO HO PARK | 360.00 | 360.00 |
| 3600 CABLE TV FEE | 23,000.00 | 23,000.00 |
| 3700 ANIMAL FEES | 600.00 | 600.00 |
| 4100 TIF ADM FEES | 2,000.00 | 2,000.00 |
| 4200 MRC | 16,000.00 | 16,000.00 |
| 5000 MISC REVENUE | 200.00 | 200.00 |
| 6300 CEMETERY FEE | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 |
| 6350 CEMETERY LOT | 2,000.00 | 6,000.00 |
| 7100 INTEREST | 10,000.00 | 15,000.00 |
| | 5,528,983.60 | 529,919.00 |

Initial Request Worksheet
Revenue

| Account | Current Budget | Budget Request |
|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Dept: 200 POLICE | | |
| 1000 FEES & FINES | 300.00 | 300.00 |
| 3000 CONC WEAPONS | 500.00 | 500.00 |
| | 800.00 | 800.00 |

Initial Request Worksheet
Revenue

| Account | Current Budget | Budget Request |
|---------|-------------------|-------------------|
|---------|-------------------|-------------------|

Dept: 300 FIRE

| | | |
|-------------------|----------|----------|
| 1000 MISC REVENUE | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 |
|-------------------|----------|----------|

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|-----------------|------|--|
| 1010 EQUIP SALE | 0.00 | |
|-----------------|------|--|

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|--|----------|----------|
| | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 |
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Initial Request Worksheet
Revenue

| Account | Current Budget | Budget Request |
|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Dept: 400 PUBLIC WORKS | | |
| 1000 WNTR RDS CON | 8,640.00 | 8,640.00 |
| 1005 HYDRANT CLEA | 0.00 | 810.00 |
| | 8,640.00 | 9,450.00 |

Initial Request Worksheet
Revenue

| Account | Current Budget | Budget Request |
|------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Dept: 500 RECREATION | | |
| 2000 ADULT PGM | 0.00 | 1,000.00 |
| 6000 COMM CTR RNT | 6,240.00 | 6,240.00 |
| | 6,240.00 | 7,240.00 |
| Revenue Totals: | 5,545,663.60 | 548,409.00 |

