



Veazie Town Council

Regular Meeting

June 9, 2015

School Cafeteria- 6:30pm

AGENDA

- ITEM 1:** Call to Order
- ITEM 2:** Secretary to do the Roll Call
- ITEM 3:** Pledge of Allegiance
- ITEM 4:** Consideration of the Agenda
- ITEM 5:** Approval of the May 26th, 2015 Regular Council Meeting Minutes and the May 28th Special Meeting Minutes.
- ITEM 6:** Comments from the Public

New Business:

- ITEM 7:** Discussion with Attorney Robert Huber
- ITEM 8:** Roads discussion
- ITEM 9:** Donation acceptance from Machias Savings Bank

Old Business:

- ITEM 10:** Manager's Report
- ITEM 11:** Comments from the Public
- ITEM 12:** Requests for information and Town Council Comments
- ITEM 13:** Review & Sign of AP Town Warrant #23 and Town Payroll #24 School Payroll Warrant #25 and AP School Warrant #25
- ITEM 14:** Adjournment

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Robert Rice
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Karen Walker
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David King
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Agenda Items For June 9, 2015 Council Meeting

ITEM 7: Attorney Robert Huber will speak to the members of the Council tonight and introduce himself and express his desire to work with the Town of Veazie. Attorney Huber works with Town Attorney Russell who recently announced his retirement.

ITEM 8: A discussion will be had on what roads the Town will choose to have paved for the coming paving cycle. Included in the packet is information that was recently prepared from road maintenance software that was purchased by the Town. This will help with this year and future year road maintenance. I have requested budget pricing from Silvers and Hopkins for Ridgeview Drive, Highview, Arbor Drive, May Street, Longmeadow and Riverview Street. All of those are captured under the preventive paving suggestion of the software except for Riverview Street, which is captured under the reconstruct portion. At the preparation of this document, pricing has not been received. Budget pricing for the paving portion has been provided by the software and is broken down in one of the spreadsheets with different options.

ITEM 9: I had requested a donation from Machias Savings Bank to help with the exterior painting of the community center. Upon review of my request the Board of Directors for Machias Savings Bank agreed to provide \$2,500.00 toward the project. It would be staff's recommendation to accept the donation with the understanding that it will go toward the painting of the exterior of the community center.

Veazie Town Council Meeting
May 26th, 2015

Members Present: Chairman Tammy Perry, Councilor Robert Rice, Councilor Karen Walker, Councilor Chris Bagley, Councilor David King, Manager Mark Leonard, Secretary Julie Strout, Town Attorney Thomas Russell, Budget Committee Chair Jeff Wheelden, Budget Committee members Bill Masters, Judy Horten & Norma Noble and various members of the public.

Members Absent:
All present

ITEM 1: Call to order

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

ITEM 2: Secretary to do the roll call:

All Present

ITEM 3: Pledge of Allegiance

ITEM 4: Consideration of the Agenda

Chairman Perry wanted to add #14A as Executive Session 1 MRSA 405(6)A Personnel Matter.

ITEM 5: Approval of the May 11th Council Meeting Minutes

Councilor David King made a motion, seconded by Councilor Karen Walker to accept the May 11th, 2015 Council Meeting Minutes as written. Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried.

ITEM 6: Comments from the public

Citizen Pat Rice asked about the detailed budgets being posted online.

New Business:

ITEM 7: Signing of the Warrant

Councilor Robert Rice made a motion, seconded by Councilor David King to approve version 1 of the Town of Veazie Warrant for Annual Town Meeting and School Budget Meeting. Voted 4-1-0. Motion carried. Councilor Bagley opposed.

Manager Leonard will see if Jiffy Print will still be able to add the warrant to our town report book. If for some reason they cannot, we will have copies available at the town office, it will be posted on our website and copies will be made for the town meeting.

ITEM 8: Drew Property- Abatement

Councilor Robert Rice made a motion, seconded by Councilor Karen Walker to approve the Drew Property abatement in the amount of \$14.00 for 2013 taxes and \$14.20 for 2014 taxes. Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried.

ITEM 9: Uncollectable Taxes

Councilor Robert Rice made a motion, seconded by Councilor Chris Bagley to move to write off the four uncollected personal property taxes defined in item 9, which are Chelette Manor LLC for \$108.28, Mark Mullen's for \$305.30, Pine Tree R V Parts and Service for \$87.50 and Refrigerant Sourcing Inc. for \$61.50. Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried.

ITEM 10: Town Attorney Resignation

The Council received a resignation letter from Mr. Thomas Russell. Per his letter he will continue to represent Veazie until July 10th and will continue to work on any pending matters. Mr. Russell mentioned that Roger Huber would like the opportunity to represent our town. The Council would like Manager Leonard to ask Mr. Huber to attend a future meeting for a meet and greet.

Manager Leonard wanted to state that its been a pleasure working with Tom, he's sorry to see him go and wished him well. The Council thanked Mr. Russell for all he has done for the town.

ITEM 11: Donations

Councilor Walker made a motion, seconded by Councilor Robert Rice to distribute \$100 to MPBN, \$300 to Eastern Area on Aging, \$500 to Community Health and Counseling, \$400 to Hammond St. Senior Center and \$1000 to Gateway Seniors. Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried.

Old Business:

ITEM 12: Manager's Report

Manager Leonard reviewed his report with the Councilor's.

ITEM 13: Comments from the Public

Citizens shared their concerns about the school budget.

ITEM 14: Requests for information and Town Council Comments

Councilor Robert Rice wanted to put the letter from the Economic Development Committee on a future agenda for discussion on the Community Center.

Councilor David King asked to have the water container filled in the cemetery

ITEM 14a: Executive Session 1 MRSA 405 (6)A Personnel matter

Councilor Robert Rice made a motion, seconded by Councilor David King to enter in to Executive Session 1 MRSA 405 (6)A Personnel Matter at 7:18pm. Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried. Councilor Robert Rice made a motion, seconded by Councilor David King to exit Executive Session 1 MRSA 405 (6)A Personnel Matter at 7:25pm. Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried.

ITEM 15: Review & sign of AP Town Warrant #22 and Town Payroll #23, School Payroll Warrant #24 and AP School Warrant #24.

The warrants were circulated and signed.

ITEM 16: Adjournment

Councilor Robert Rice motioned to adjourn

Councilor David King seconded. No discussion. Voted 5-0-0 Motion carried.

Adjourned at 7:27pm

A True Copy Attest
Julie Strout
Deputy Clerk

Veazie Town Special Council Meeting
May 28th, 2015

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

Members Absent:

None

ITEM 1: Call to order

Chairman Tammy Perry called the meeting to order at 5:15pm.

ITEM 2: Secretary to do the roll call:

All present.

ITEM 3: Signing of the School Budget Validation Referendum Warrant

Councilor Robert Rice made a motion, seconded by Councilor David King to approve the School Budget Validation Referendum Warrant as written. Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried.

ITEM 4: Signing of Notice to Town of Veazie Voters

Councilor Robert Rice made a motion, seconded by Councilor David King to approve the Notice to Town of Veazie Voters as drafted in the agenda. Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried.

ITEM 5: Adjournment

Councilor Robert Rice motioned to adjourn

Councilor David King seconded. No discussion. Voted 5-0-0

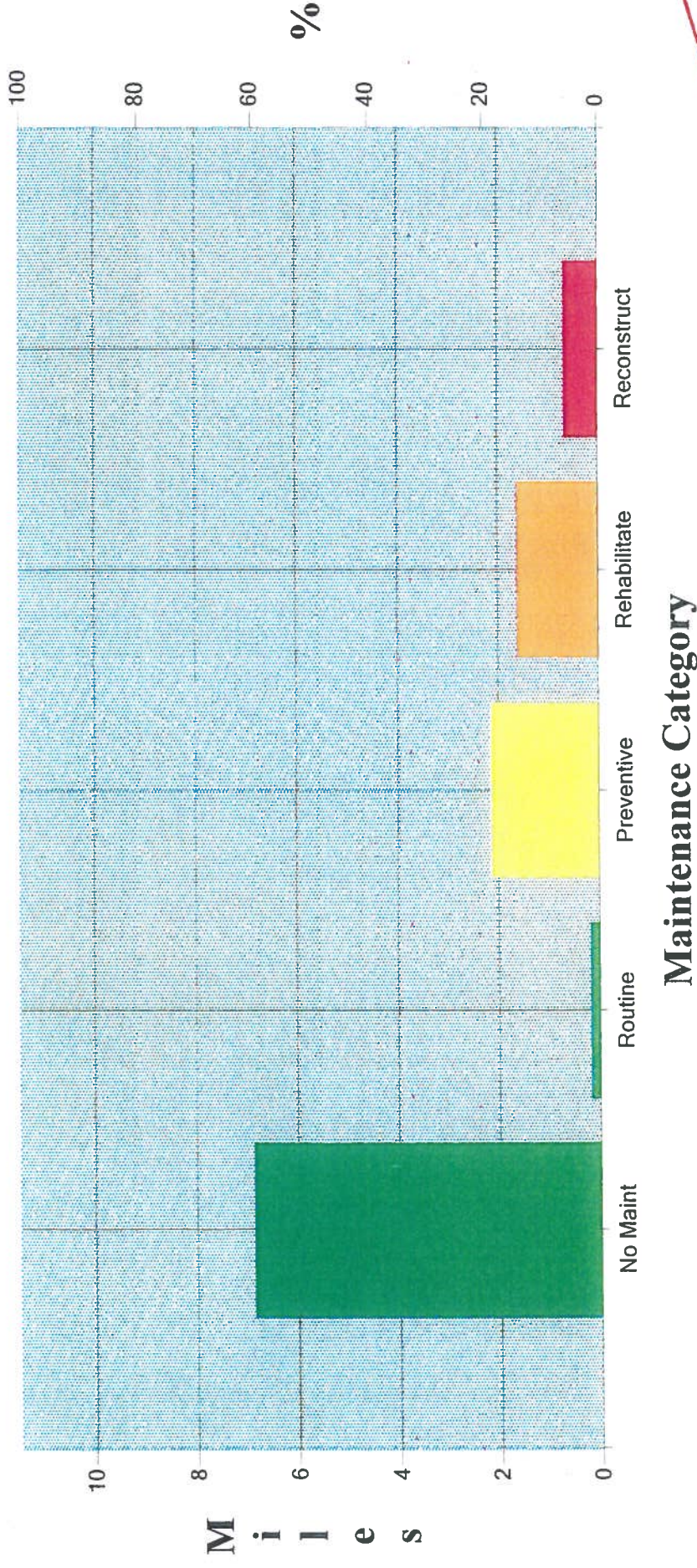
Motion carried.

Adjourned at 5:26pm

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Julie Strout
Deputy Clerk

Veazie 2015 ^{Paved} Network Overview



ITEM # 5

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Paved Network Inventory

By Surface Status
Veazie 2015

<u>(Prio) Road/Section Name</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>From Road/Section</u>	<u>To Road/Section</u>	<u>Length</u>	<u>division</u>	<u>Import</u>	<u>Traffic</u>	<u>Drainage Status</u>
No Survey								
(2) Buck Hill Circle 1		Buck Hill Drive	End (loop)	0.05		low	low	No Survey
(2) Buck Hill Circle 2		Buck Hill Drive	End (loop)	0.05		low	low	No Survey
(2) Prouty Circle		Prouty Drive	End (Loop)	0.04		low	low	No Survey
				0.14				
No Maint								
(2) Black Bear Drive		Arbor Street	End	0.13		low	low	Good
(2) Brookside Terr		Mt. View Drive	End	0.18		low	low	Good
(2) Buck Hill Drive		Jackson Drive	End	0.30		low	low	Good
(2) Chase Road	1	Town Line	Mt. View Road	0.20		low	low	Good
(2) Chase Road	2	Mt. View Drive	Long Meadow	0.30		low	low	Good
(2) Chase Road	3	State Street	Long Meadow	0.60		low	low	Good
(2) Chickadee Drive		East Sunset Drive	End	0.09		low	low	Good
(2) East Sunset Drive		Chase Road	End	0.05		low	low	Good
(2) Flag Street	2	Green Street	Dead End	0.20		low	low	Good
(2) Green Street		Flag Street	Lemon Street	0.04		low	low	Good
(2) Highview Terr		Ridgeview Lane	State Street	0.24		low	low	Good
(2) Hillside Drive		Silver Ridge	End	0.20		low	low	Good
(2) Hobson Street		State Street	End	0.20		low	low	Good
(2) Jackson Drive		Chase Road	Buck Hill Drive	0.48		low	low	Good
(2) Judson Street		Olive Street	End	0.10		low	low	Good
(2) Lemon Street		Rock Street	Main Street	0.15		low	low	Good
(2) Main Street		State Street	State Street	0.82		low	low	Good
(2) Maple Street		Olive Street	Green Street	0.14		low	low	Good
(2) Merrick Street		School Street	Summer Street	0.06		low	low	Good
(2) Mt. View Drive		Chase Road	End	0.10		low	low	Good
(2) Olive Street		Main Street	Oak Grove St	0.20		low	low	Good
(2) Ridgeview Lane		Ridgeview Drive	Highview Terr	0.07		low	low	Good
(2) Rock Street		Lemon Street	Oak Grove St	0.18		low	low	Good
(2) School Street		State Street	Veazie Street	0.41		low	low	Good
(2) Shore Road		Eagle View Drive	End	0.40		low	low	Good
(2) Silver Ridge		Chase Road	Chase/End (Loop)	0.51		low	low	Good

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No Maint								
(2) Silver Spur		Silver Ridge	End	0.03		low	low	Good
(2) State Street		Route 2	Main Street	0.03		low	low	Good
(2) Summer Street		Veazie Street	Merrick Street	0.08		low	low	Good
(2) Veazie Street		Olive/Oak Grove	End	0.35		low	low	Good
				6.84				
Routine								
(2) Birchwood Drive		Shore Road	Randolph Drive	0.05		low	low	Good
(2) Randolph Drive		Birchwood Drive	End	0.12		low	low	Good
				0.17				
Preventive								
(2) Arbor Street		State Street	End	0.30		low	low	Good
(2) Buck Hill Drive		Jackson Drive	Jackson Drive	0.30		low	low	Good
(2) May Street		State Street	End	0.16		low	low	Good
(2) Oak Grove St		Veazie Street	School Street	0.34		low	low	Good
(2) Prouty Drive		Thompson Road	End	0.18		low	low	Good
(2) Ridgeview Drive		State Road	End	0.40		low	low	Good
(2) Thompson Road	2	Prouty Drive	School Street	0.40		low	low	Good
(2) Wood Lane		Brookside Terr	End	0.07		low	low	Good
				2.15				

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Rehabilitate								
(2) Davis Drive		Chase Road	Wedgewood Drive	0.25		low	low	Good
(2) Eagle View Drive		School Street	Shore Road	0.70		low	low	Good
(2) Flag Street	1	Green Street	Dead End/Main	0.07		low	low	Good
(2) Long Meadow Drive		Chase Road	End	0.30		low	low	Good
(2) Penobscot Circle		Prouty Drive	End	0.07		low	low	Good
(2) Sunset Drive		Chase Road	Davis Drive	0.12		low	low	Good
(2) Two Rod Road		Main Street	End	0.02		low	low	Good
(2) Wedgewood Drive		Chase Road	Davis Drive	0.10		low	low	Good
				<u>1.63</u>				
Reconstruct								
(2) Old County Road		Prouty Drive	End (Salmon Club)	0.13		low	low	Poor
(2) Riverview Street		State Street	End	0.13		low	low	Poor
(2) Thompson Road	1	Eagle View Drive	Prouty	0.40		low	low	Good
				<u>0.66</u>				
				<u>11.59</u>				

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Capital Financial Plan

Veazie 2015

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Road/Section Name	#	From	To	Length	Recommended Repair	Other	Budget	Actual
Paved								
Arbor Street		State Street	End	0.30	Shim with 1" overlay		19,500	0
Birchwood Drive		Shore Road	Randolph Drive	0.05	Crack seal		500	0
Buck Hill Drive	2	Jackson Drive	Jackson Drive	0.30	Shim with 1" overlay		19,500	0
Davis Drive		Chase Road	Wedgewood Dr	0.25	Reclaim incl 6-8" base, 2" binder, 1.5"		55,000	0
Davis Drive		Chase Road	Wedgewood Dr	0.25	Reclaim incl 6-8" base, stabilized, 2"		67,375	0
Davis Drive		Chase Road	Wedgewood Dr	0.25	Shim w/ 2" overlay		35,750	0
Long Meadow Drive		Chase Road	End	0.30	Shim w/ 2" overlay		50,700	0
Long Meadow Drive		Chase Road	End	0.30	Reclaim incl 6-8" base, 2" binder, 1.5"		78,000	0
Long Meadow Drive		Chase Road	End	0.30	Reclaim incl 6-8" base, stabilized, 2"		95,550	0
May Street		State Street	End	0.16	Shim with 1" overlay		8,320	0
Oak Grove St		Veazie Street	School Street	0.34	Shim with 1" overlay		22,100	0
Oak Grove St		Veazie Street	School Street	0.34	Overlay w/ 2" cold mix, top w/ 1" HM		39,780	0
Old County Road		Prouty Drive	End (Salmon C	0.13	18" new 9.5mm gravel, 2" binder, 1.5"		20,475	0
Old County Road		Prouty Drive	End (Salmon C	0.13	24" new gravel, 2" binder, 2" surface		27,300	0
Penobscot Circle		Prouty Drive	End	0.07	Shim w/ 2" overlay		10,920	0
Prouty Drive		Thompson Rc	End	0.18	Shim with 1" overlay		11,700	0
Prouty Drive		Thompson Rc	End	0.18		repair road dips	0	0
Randolph Drive		Birchwood Dr	End	0.12	Crack seal		1,440	0
Riverview Street		State Street	End	0.13	18" new 9.5mm gravel, 2" binder, 1.5"		23,400	0
Riverview Street		State Street	End	0.13	24" new gravel, 2" binder, 2" surface		31,200	0
Sunset Drive		Chase Road	Davis Drive	0.12	Reclaim incl 6-8" base, 2" binder, 1.5"		24,000	0
Sunset Drive		Chase Road	Davis Drive	0.12	Reclaim incl 6-8" base, stabilized, 2"		29,400	0
Sunset Drive		Chase Road	Davis Drive	0.12	Shim w/ 2" overlay		15,600	0
Thompson Road	2	Prouty Drive	School Street	0.40	Shim with 1" overlay		31,200	0
Thompson Road	2	Prouty Drive	School Street	0.40	Overlay w/ 2" cold mix, top w/ 1" HM		56,160	0
Two Rod Road		Main Street	End	0.02	Shim w/ 2" overlay		2,600	0
Wedgewood Drive		Chase Road	Davis Drive	0.10	Reclaim incl 6-8" base, 2" binder, 1.5"		20,000	0
Wedgewood Drive		Chase Road	Davis Drive	0.10	Reclaim incl 6-8" base, stabilized, 2"		24,500	0
Wedgewood Drive		Chase Road	Davis Drive	0.10	Shim w/ 2" overlay		13,000	0
Wood Lane		Brookside Ter	End	0.07	Shim with 1" overlay		4,550	0
Total Paved							839,520	0

= Preventive = 51,870 to 147,816

-- Rehabilitation = 128,570 to 190,520 Page 230, 345

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Road Network Inventory

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<u>Road/Section Name</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>From Road/Section</u>	<u>To Road/Section</u>	<u>Length</u>	<u>Import</u>	<u>Traffic</u>	<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Surface</u>	<u>Last Survey Date</u>
Arbor Street		State Street	End	0.30	low	low	Municipal	Paved	05/20/2015
Birchwood Drive		Shore Road	Randolph Drive	0.05	low	low	Municipal	Paved	05/20/2015
Black Bear Drive		Arbor Street	End	0.13	low	low	Municipal	Paved	05/20/2015
Brookside Terr		Mt. View Drive	End	0.18	low	low	Municipal	Paved	05/20/2015
Buck Hill Circle 1		Buck Hill Drive	End (loop)	0.05	low	low	Municipal	Paved	05/20/2015
Buck Hill Circle 2		Buck Hill Drive	End (loop)	0.05	low	low	Municipal	Paved	05/20/2015
Buck Hill Drive	1	Jackson Drive	End	0.30	low	low	Municipal	Paved	05/20/2015
Buck Hill Drive	2	Jackson Drive	Jackson Drive	0.30	low	low	Municipal	Paved	05/20/2015
Chase Road	1	Town Line	Mt. View Road	0.20	low	low	Municipal	Paved	05/20/2015
Chase Road	2	Mt. View Drive	Long Meadow	0.30	low	low	Municipal	Paved	05/20/2015
Chase Road	3	State Street	Long Meadow	0.60	low	low	Municipal	Paved	05/20/2015
Chickadee Drive		East Sunset Drive	End	0.09	low	low	Municipal	Paved	05/20/2015
Davis Drive		Chase Road	Wedgewood Drive	0.25	low	low	Municipal	Paved	05/20/2015
Eagle View Drive		School Street	Shore Road	0.70	low	low	Municipal	Paved	05/20/2015
East Sunset Drive		Chase Road	End	0.05	low	low	Municipal	Paved	05/20/2015
Flag Street	1	Green Street	Dead End/Main	0.07	low	low	Municipal	Paved	05/20/2015
Flag Street	2	Green Street	Dead End	0.20	low	low	Municipal	Paved	05/20/2015
Green Street		Flag Street	Lemon Street	0.04	low	low	Municipal	Paved	05/20/2015
Highview Terr		Ridgeview Lane	State Street	0.24	low	low	Municipal	Paved	05/20/2015
Hillside Drive		Silver Ridge	End	0.20	low	low	Municipal	Paved	05/20/2015
Hobson Street		State Street	End	0.20	low	low	Municipal	Paved	05/20/2015
Jackson Drive		Chase Road	Buck Hill Drive	0.48	low	low	Municipal	Paved	05/20/2015
Judson Street		Olive Street	End	0.10	low	low	Municipal	Paved	05/20/2015
Lemon Street		Rock Street	Main Street	0.15	low	low	Municipal	Paved	05/20/2015
Long Meadow Drive		Chase Road	End	0.30	low	low	Municipal	Paved	05/20/2015
Main Street		State Street	State Street	0.82	low	low	Municipal	Paved	05/20/2015
Maple Street		Olive Street	Green Street	0.14	low	low	Municipal	Paved	05/20/2015
May Street		State Street	End	0.16	low	low	Municipal	Paved	05/20/2015
Merrick Street		School Street	Summer Street	0.06	low	low	Municipal	Paved	05/20/2015
Mt. View Drive		Chase Road	End	0.10	low	low	Municipal	Paved	05/20/2015
Oak Grove St		Veazie Street	School Street	0.34	low	low	Municipal	Paved	05/20/2015
Old County Road		Prouty Drive	End (Salmon Club)	0.13	low	low	Municipal	Paved	05/20/2015
Olive Street		Main Street	Oak Grove St	0.20	low	low	Municipal	Paved	05/20/2015

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Penobscot Circle		Prouty Drive	End	0.07	low	low	Municipal	Paved	05/20/2015
Prouty Circle		Prouty Drive	End (Loop)	0.04	low	low	Municipal	Paved	
Prouty Drive		Thompson Road	End	0.18	low	low	Municipal	Paved	05/20/2015
Randolph Drive		Birchwood Drive	End	0.12	low	low	Municipal	Paved	05/20/2015
Ridgeview Drive		State Road	End	0.40	low	low	Municipal	Paved	05/20/2015
Ridgeview Lane		Ridgeview Drive	Highview Terr	0.07	low	low	Municipal	Paved	05/20/2015
Riverview Street		State Street	End	0.13	low	low	Municipal	Paved	05/20/2015
Rock Street		Lemon Street	Oak Grove St	0.18	low	low	Municipal	Paved	05/20/2015
School Street		State Street	Veazie Street	0.41	low	low	Municipal	Paved	05/20/2015
Shore Road		Eagle View Drive	End	0.40	low	low	Municipal	Paved	05/20/2015
Silver Ridge		Chase Road	Chase/End (Loop)	0.51	low	low	Municipal	Paved	05/20/2015
Silver Spur		Silver Ridge	End	0.03	low	low	Municipal	Paved	05/20/2015
State Street		Route 2	Main Street	0.03	low	low	Municipal	Paved	05/20/2015
Summer Street		Veazie Street	Merrick Street	0.08	low	low	Municipal	Paved	05/20/2015
Sunset Drive		Chase Road	Davis Drive	0.12	low	low	Municipal	Paved	05/20/2015
Thompson Road	1	Eagle View Drive	Prouty	0.40	low	low	Municipal	Paved	05/20/2015
Thompson Road	2	Prouty Drive	School Street	0.40	low	low	Municipal	Paved	05/20/2015
Two Rod Road		Main Street	End	0.02	low	low	Municipal	Paved	05/20/2015
Veazie Street		Olive/Oak Grove	End	0.35	low	low	Municipal	Paved	05/20/2015
Wedgewood Drive		Chase Road	Davis Drive	0.10	low	low	Municipal	Paved	05/20/2015
Wood Lane		Brookside Terr	End	0.07	low	low	Municipal	Paved	05/20/2015
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Manager's Report

For June 9, 2015

Council Meeting

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

This was briefly discussed at the last meeting but I have met and finalized the road survey with Jerry Douglas from MDOT. This is the final stage of the new software that was purchased to help with road maintenance. This program will be extremely beneficial as we move forward on repairing our roads. I will discuss this in further detail at the council meeting.

Julie Strout and I have reviewed the annual town report and after a few changes gave Jiffy Print authorization to produce it. They agreed to add in the Town warrant although it was given to them after the deadline. These should be completed and mailed on or before June 5th.

I have interviewed (2) new fire department call members. One individual lives in the town of Veazie and the other is a former member. Both have been moved on to the final stages of hiring and should become members shortly.

Phil Ruck, Barney Silver and I have met to draft a salt management plan for the Town of Veazie. This is an additional requirement for the Town's MS4 permit.

Barney Silver and I have reviewed several of the roads that will be discussed for capital paving suggestions. One common theme that I have been telling you since I took over is the storm drain system is in poor condition. Each time we look into the system I'm amazed at the poor work quality that I find. This will not be the case as we move forward. The most recent find was storm drains that had been made out of hollow cinderblocks instead of actual catch basins with the blocks not being cemented together. In another drain we found that wooden blocks had been used to prop up the catch basin. All of these are unacceptable construction practices and have been a major cause for the large amount of failures that we are now having to address.

I have met with Lloyd Hopkins of Hopkins Paving so that he could provide budget numbers for proposed paving projects. As you may recall this was the contractor we choose last year and they have offered to extend last year's paving prices if we choose to use them this year.

I'm working diligently to have the leaves removed from the collection area at the cemetery. I'm in hopes to have the loose leaves removed on Tuesday. Silvers will be chipping the brush that had been collected this year as well. Finally, I will be receiving pricing on replacing the wooden fence between the cemetery and the collection area. This will clean this area up and give it a much better appearance.

I attended the pre-construction meeting at MDOT for the paving of State Street. Signs have been put in place and work will begin on this project shortly. It appears that the paving will start in Old Town and end in Veazie as those (2) communities have deadlines in place because of returning college student

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traffic. The end date for the project is mid-September. Minutes from the meeting have been attached to this report.

I attended the underage drinking task force meeting held at Orono Police Department. They have been the host for this for a few years now but as the representative is leaving the Orono Police Department we are looking at being the host Agency now. Sgt. Nichols will be discussing this with them further along with the State of Maine who funds the program.

I had requested a donation from Machias Savings Bank to assist with painting the community center. They have agreed to donate \$2,500.00 toward the project. This will be discussed at the Council meeting for Council to accept the donation.

Attachments:

1. Update from Penobscot River Restoration Project
2. Legislative Bulletin No 20
3. June 1st newsletter from State Rep Peter Lyford
4. Thank you card to the Police Officer
5. Certificate of recognition to Veazie Student from Police Department
6. Bangor Area Storm Group Agenda
7. Meeting minutes from pre-construction for State Street paving project
8. Legislative Update from Senator Dill
9. Letter from MDOT on project award

PENOBSCOT RIVER RESTORATION PROJECT



Penobscot Project Leadership Recognized by National River Network River Hero Award

This month, as Atlantic salmon, river herring and other sea-run fish began their annual migration up the free-flowing lower Penobscot river, past the former sites of the Veazie and Great Works dams, our Executive Director, Laura Rose Day, received the River Network River Hero Award for her continued leadership and dedication to reconnecting the river to the sea through the Penobscot River Restoration Project. Congratulations Laura!

"The Penobscot Project is an inspiring example of how people can achieve great things for rivers by focusing on solutions instead of roadblocks." said Rose Day. "It is an honor to work alongside so many individuals, project member organizations, Penobscot Indian Nation, communities, businesses, and state and federal agencies, and generous funders who have created this model for large-scale, innovative, and collaborative river restoration."

This year, River Network took the unusual step of honoring two Maine leaders. Dwayne Shaw, Executive Director of Downeast Salmon Federation also received the award for his work on Downeast rivers of Maine. See press release below for details.



Two Maine River Restoration Leaders Receive National Awards May 16, 2015; Albuquerque, NM

Each year, the River Network, a national organization focused on river restoration and river communities, recognizes five individuals from throughout North America with their River Hero Award. River Network's

Farewell to Cheryl Daigle



After nearly a decade of dedication to the Penobscot Project, Cheryl Daigle bids farewell to fill a new role as Development and Communications Director for the Maine Lakes Society. Cheryl's passion and devotion has been essential to the Penobscot Project along with her ability to capture the natural world with her words and her camera lens. In 2010 she received "The Wildlife Society Award of Recognition" for making significant contributions to wildlife management and conservation in Maine as Community Outreach Coordinator for the Penobscot River Restoration Trust. We appreciate everything she has done and invite you to please join us in wishing her all the best in her new position!

Don't miss these upcoming events!

As the weather warms, and fish return to Maine rivers, a new season of discovery and learning on the Penobscot River begins! There are many wonderful events to enjoy this spring and summer, click on the events to learn more:

[Bradley Alewife Festival](#)

Leonards Mills, Maine Forest and Logging Museum
May 30, 2015

[Penobscot River Whitewater Nationals Regatta](#)

River Heroes Award celebrates rivers and those who protect them by recognizing and honoring those who provide leadership and inspiration.

This year two individuals in Maine received the Hero awards at the national River Rally held in Albuquerque, New Mexico this month.

Laura Rose Day, Executive Director of the Penobscot River Restoration Trust and Dwayne Shaw, Executive Director of the Downeast Salmon Federation were recognized at the event, which attracted over 450 people from throughout the US and Canada.

Although Shaw and Rose Day focus their work in different regions of the state, both were lauded for engaging people from many different perspectives in work to improve the health of Maine's rivers. "People around the country increasingly realize that it is going to take all of us to restore and protect waterways that can sustain people, fisheries, wildlife and culture. It is an honor that Maine can help lead that discussion." said Rose Day.

Dwayne Shaw whose work is focused on the rivers of eastern Maine pointed to the culture of volunteerism in Maine stating "with public participation and persistence in protecting water and fisheries resources in Maine we have achieved a lot over the past several decades. The people in Maine rely on fisheries and clean water and we work very hard to sustain our way of life".

Both agree that Maine's tremendous potential to reverse declines in fisheries abundance is within reach if we continue to invest in creative solutions and bring people together to develop meaningful results.

Rose Day's organization helps lead the Penobscot River Restoration Project, an historic private-public partnership which aims to restore healthy runs of migratory fish to the Penobscot River system by opening migration corridors through a combination of dam removals and improved fish passage while also maintaining power generation. This summer, several national-class paddling races will take place on the newly free-flowing lower river.

Shaw and his organization operate two wild salmon conservation hatcheries in abandoned and retrofitted hydroelectric facilities and his work focuses on community participation in management of all wild river fisheries in eastern Maine.

Project Update: Howland and Veazie

This month construction at Howland enters its next phase as contractor, SumCo Eco-contracting, begin to assemble the inner channel features of the fish bypass at Howland Dam. Members of the Board of Directors visited Howland this month to view the progress at the site. Combined with the rest of the Project, the bypass will help to significantly improve fish passage and allow targeted sea-run fish access to crucial headwaters habitat upriver and improve downstream passage as well. The bypass is slated to be complete by late summer/ early fall 2015.

Shoreline restoration is back underway in Veazie after a winter hiatus at the former Veazie Dam site. Slope grading and plantings of native flora, as well as installation of recreational features such as a carry-in boat launch, art installments and interpretive

July 22-26, 2015

*Howland Student Art Exhibit:
Penobscot River Paintings
Maine Discovery Museum
TBA*

Stay tuned for more upcoming events!

The "Fish" are Running!



On Sunday, April 26th, 101 runners donned their best fish costumes and took to the road in the first annual *Spawning Run 5K*

hosted by the University of Maine American Fisheries Society. The event raised funds in support of fisheries outreach and education in local schools. Congratulations to all who participated!



Photo credit: Cheryl Daigle

Call for Volunteers



Visitors viewing the alewife run at Blackman Stream in 2014.

signage will make the site a wonderful place to enjoy the newly free-flowing stretch of river. The site is slated to be complete by July 2015.



Constructing the bypass channel at Howland Dam, May 2015.

Interested in sharing your knowledge about alewife restoration and fish passage? Leonards Mills in Bradley seeks volunteers to talk about alewife restoration and the rock and pool fishway at Blackman Stream during their first annual fish festival scheduled for May 30th, their Living History Days, and other events.

Contact 207-974-6278 or info@maineforestandloggingmuseum.org.




Board members and Trust staff on site at Howland.



Shoreline restoration at Veazie, May 2015.

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Broadband Bills Advance

Focus More On Planning Than Implementation

The common thread through the many bills submitted this session that try to expand broadband infrastructure throughout the state is support for municipal economic development needs and endeavors, with a particular goal of bringing internet service in Maine up to speed with the rest of the Northeast region.

Last week, the Energy, Utilities and Technology Committee (EUT) whittled down the number of legislative proposals to bring faster, more reliable internet throughout Maine. This article describes the four broadband related bills that will be reported out of Committee with positive recommendations.

Three of the bills supported by the Committee were sponsored by former municipal official Rep. Norm Higgins (Dover-Foxcroft) and Wells Selectboard Chair Rep. Bob Foley (Wells). Due to what appears to be a combination of political momentum and fiscal neutrality, the most comprehensive and legislatively palatable product at the end of the May 19 work session seemed to be LD 1063, *An Act To Promote Community Broadband Planning and Strengthen Economic Opportunity throughout Maine*, sponsored by Rep. Sarah Gideon of Freeport.

Still up for consideration before the Appropriations Committee is the proposal advanced by MMA's Legislative Policy Committee in LD 68, *An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Attract Business by Investing in High-speed Broadband Infrastructure*. The public hearing on LD 68 is scheduled for 1:00 p.m. on Thursday June 4th in Room 228 of the State House.

Rep. Foley's LD 912

Rep. Bob Foley sponsored LD 912,

An Act To Allow the Establishment of Regional Municipal Utility Districts To Support Telecommunications, Broadband Communications and Energy Infrastructure, which received a unanimous "ought to pass as amended" Committee vote. The originally printed bill proposed to amend the state's inter-local agreement law to allow for the creation of regional multi-municipal utility districts that could issue revenue bonds to support the provision of telecommunications services, broadband services, internet services or energy generation/transmission distribution services.

As amended, LD 912 would limit these multi-municipal utility districts to broadband and internet endeavors.

Rep. Higgins' LD 465 & LD 1185

Throughout the legislative session, Rep. Higgins, who serves on the EUT Committee, has championed the cause of addressing the internet connectivity needs of rural communities like his own in Piscataquis County. Rep. Higgins advanced a two-pronged approach by sponsoring

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General Assistance: 9 Months and Done

On Thursday last week, the members of the Senate voted by a margin of 24 to 11 to support LD 1035, *An Act To Create a 9-month Time Limit on General Assistance Benefits*. Sponsored by Sen. Eric Brakey of Androscoggin County, LD 1035 would limit the issuance of General Assistance (GA) to certain applicants to no more than 275 days over any 5 year period. The applicants to whom this limitation would apply are people without dependents who are determined to be able to work according to an unknown set of standards.

MMA's Legislative Policy Committee voted to oppose LD 1035 for three reasons.

First, there is a municipal concern that the provisions of the bill would be too broadly applied and could significantly limit access to assistance for basic necessities without consideration of local economic circumstances, housing needs, true employment capacities and transportation barriers. Municipal officials believe that the limitations proposed in the bill would unfairly impact residents

in the state's more rural communities where employment opportunities can be scarce and public transportation is largely unavailable.

Second, municipal GA program administrators are uncertain as to how this limit would be administered. The absence of a statewide database to track the GA benefits provided to a single individual who might reside in multiple communities over a five year period would make it nearly impossible to accurately determine if and when an applicant had reached the 275 day limit. Without a centralized data base and clear standards governing the determinations of ability to work and lack of dependents, municipal officials are concerned that an administrator's decision would be challenged by either the Department of Health and Human Services, which could threaten reimbursement, or low-income advocates who could threaten litigation. In either case, the property taxpayers would be left holding the bag.

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LD 465 and LD 1185.

LD 465, An Act To Eliminate the Broadband Sustainability Fee. Current service providers pay a Broadband Sustainability Fee, the proceeds of which are used for infrastructure development in the most rural areas of Maine which still lack internet service. As printed, this legislation proposed to eliminate the fee and dedicate the resources remaining in the account for municipal broadband expansion efforts. The Committee unanimously supported eliminating the fee, which means neither private nor municipal broadband service providers will have to pay into the fund from now on. While the amended bill still allows municipalities to access what funds remain, private service providers will still be able to apply to the ConnectME Authority for these now-limited resources to reach "unserved" areas as well.

LD 1185, An Act To Establish the Municipal Gigabit Broadband Network Access Fund. Submitted by Rep. Higgins as a companion to LD 465, this bill would establish the Municipal Gigabit Broadband Network Access Fund within the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD), capitalizing the Fund with an appropriation of \$6 million for FY 2016. The bill establishes the parameters for both planning grants (up to \$20,000) and implementation grants (up to \$200,000) to be awarded to municipal or multi-municipal applicants to establish access to ultra high-speed fiber-optic broadband infrastructure in their regions.

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Broadband in The County

Support for expanded investment in broadband expansion comes from all geographic regions of the state. In addition to the Committee's actions on the broadband bills described in this article, the Committee is asking permission to carryover another broadband bill into the 2016 legislative session. That bill is LD 826, *An Act To Promote Maine's Economic Development and Critical Communications for Rural Family Farms, Businesses and Residences by Strategic Public Investments in High-speed Internet*. LD 826 is sponsored by Rep. Robert Saucier of Presque Isle.

In some ways this bill has been viewed as an alternative to Rep. Gideon's broadband bill described below). LD 1063. There are two key differences between the bills. Rep. Higgins' LD 1185 focuses on enhancing the role of DECD rather than the ConnectME Authority to oversee the administration of the grant process. In addition, Rep. Higgins' LD 1185 includes a substantial state general fund appropriation that could be used not only for planning but also for implementation grants. In contrast, Rep. Gideon's LD 1063, as reported out of Committee, provides no additional funding for expansion efforts, and focuses on municipal planning grants only. Given the sizeable requested appropriation from the state General Fund, most Committee members admitted being not entirely optimistic about LD 1185's prospects for passage.

Rep. Higgins has acknowledged he is a realist, but emphasized that the merits of the bill and the current needs of communities warrant at least giving LD 1185 a chance by advancing the bill to the Appropriations Committee for consideration, especially in light of state revenues being higher than projected so far this year. A majority of the Committee voted to support the bill and see where the process takes it.

Rep. Gideon's LD 1063

The originally printed LD 1063 would have amended the law governing the state's policy on the deployment of broadband to both "unserved" and "underserved" regions of Maine. It also expanded the role of the ConnectME Authority to implement that policy, while broadening the Authority's source of funding in order to support staffing this extended role assigned by the Legislature.

As amended, the thrust of LD 1063 is still to update the ConnectME Authority's strategic plan and strengthen its role, with an emphasis on supporting community

broadband planning efforts. LD 1063 would no longer expand the ConnectME Authority's existing revenue source, however. Under the printed version of the bill, the tax on landline telephones and cable bills would have been applied to cell phones, too, growing the Authority's available resources from the current \$1.3 million per year by an estimated \$600,000 annually. Due to significant push-back from the industry, the sponsor and Committee decided to strike the funding increase out of the bill so resources for the purpose of broadband expansion will remain status-quo.

The Authority is directed in the amended version of the bill to give preference in the rules it develops regarding the allocation of planning grants to "investments that provide the greatest relative improvement to existing broadband service in an unserved or underserved area." This means that the funds currently used to support expansion of service to so-called unserved Maine communities (with no internet access at all) will be stretched to additionally support "underserved" areas with internet connections that are sub-par, and to support planning grants for municipal broadband endeavors as well.

Increasing the demands on the ConnectME Authority's resources without providing any funding replenishment appears likely to result in slow progress. A review of the testimony on LD 1063 shows that further delay has been the clear preference of existing providers and the opposite of what residents and municipal officials sought to achieve this year.

MMA's LD 68

On the day of the initial public hearings on broadband legislation, a Committee member asked MMA why so many bills were being submitted on this topic this session. The answer was that many different

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Where Are They Now, Part II

Update on bills working through the process

The May 8 edition of the Legislative Bulletin carried an article providing updates on several bills of municipal interest that commanded space in the Bulletin when originally introduced to the Legislature. What follows is the second installment of that article. The updates provided below focus on three bills of municipal interest, including volunteer firefighter compensation, concealed weapons permitting, and the rules governing gas pipeline installation.

LD 500, volunteer firefighter and emergency personal benefits. LD 500, *An Act to Support Municipal Volunteers*, sponsored by Speaker of the House, Mark Eves of North Berwick, would authorize local legislative bodies (e.g., town meeting or town or city councils) to adopt ordinances allowing the municipal officers to provide a \$750 cash benefit to purely uncompensated, voluntary firefighters and emergency medical service providers. Municipal officials opposed LD 500 as unnecessary. Although the intent of LD 500 was appreciated, municipal officials believe there exist more straightforward approaches to remunerating firefighters, including the provision of stipends or hourly and per call rates of compensation.

Update. The Taxation Committee voted unanimously on May 19 to support an amended version of LD 500. As amended by Committee, the bill is completely rewritten and provided a new title, *Resolve, to Create a Working Group to Develop Solutions to Meet the Needs for Municipal Volunteer Personnel*. As amended by Committee, the bill creates an eight member working group charged with finding solutions to the recruitment, training and retention problems facing volunteer fire departments. Four of the eight members of the working group are appointed by the Senate President, and include two members of the Senate, a representative of the Maine State Federation of Firefighters and a chief of a volunteer fire department. The four remaining members are appointed by the Speaker of the House, and include two members of the House, a volunteer firefighter or emergency responder and a representative

of the Maine Fire Chiefs' Association. The working group is directed to solicit input from municipal officials, firefighters and emergency personnel from communities with volunteer services as well as from members of the public. The working group is further directed to report findings, recommendations, and suggestions for legislation to the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee no later than December 2, 2015.

LD 823, eliminating municipal issuance of concealed weapons permits. LD 823, *An Act To Upgrade the Concealed Handgun Permit Laws*, sponsored by Rep. Mike Shaw of Standish, would amend 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 be completed within 5 years of the date of application. MMA's Legislative Policy Committee voted to oppose LD 823, considering the issuance of concealed weapons permits at the local level, by those communities volunteering to do so, to be a valuable and accessible local service.

Update. The Criminal Justice Committee held a public hearing on LD 823 in early April and issued a divided report on the proposal in early May, not quite along party lines, with the Republicans and one Democrat on the Committee recommending "ought not to pass" and the remaining Democrats on the Committee recommending "ought to pass as amended."

There will soon be an opportunity for the Committee to give final review to the language, but it is MMA's understanding that the minority "ought to pass as amended" report would accomplish the following:

- Establish the State Police as the sole issuing authority for concealed weapons, using a single permit card system.
- Allow a sufficient period of time to accommodate the turn-over of authority to the State Police,
- Grandfather existing permits until

their expiration date,

- Expand the availability of time within which applications can be filed,
- Create a fee structure that distinguishes between residents and non-residents but that does not distinguish between first time applications and renewal applications.

A previous article in the Legislative Bulletin described how LD 823 was only expected pass in the event legislation to allow "constitutional carry" passes. That bill, LD 652, received a 21-14 vote in favor of passage in the Senate on Thursday this week.

LD 1124, the installation of gas pipelines in local roads. Rep. Larry Dunphy (Emden) sponsored LD 1124, *An Act To Manage Risks Associated with the Installation of Natural Gas Pipelines*. As printed, LD 1124 proposed a number of standards and required notice procedures governing the installation of gas pipelines under local roadways. Most controversial was the proposed requirement of a minimum separation of 6 feet (horizontal) and 2 feet (vertical) between gas pipelines installed underground and other underground infrastructure. Although expressing the need for some flexibilities in these suggested standards, MMA's Legislative Policy Committee voted its general support for LD 1124.

Update. The Energy, Utilities and Technology Committee recommended an amended version of LD 1124 on May 6. On the issue of the separation standards, the amended version of LD 1124 will make the Maine Department of Transportation Utility Accommodation Rules the default policy unless otherwise specified by municipal ordinance. The minimum separation standard in the MDOT rule is 3 feet (horizontal) and 1 foot (vertical), as well as pipe crossings to be as close to 90 degrees as possible, and the rules provide for exceptions to be made when necessary. The MDOT rules are available online at: <http://goo.gl/wMFPy0>. A final version of LD 1124 will be reviewed by the Committee next week and it is expected to retain the various new procedural requirements that were included in the printed bill.

Broadband (cont'd)

stakeholder municipalities, businesses, and residents have grown impatient with the wait-and-see approach. The patience counseled by existing providers has paid few dividends, and the high costs for business access to broadband with modern information transfer capacities is a real barrier to expansion. These are the observations of the municipal officials who believe robust internet access is a key to economic development.

If widespread opposition to further delay is in fact the reason for this year's unique call for broadband service expansion, now is the time for more action. Sponsored on behalf of MMA's Legislative Policy Committee by Rep. Jim Campbell of Newfield, LD 68 asks Maine's voters if they are willing to borrow \$10 million to support the expansion of broadband infrastructure for economic development purposes. LD 68 does not upset the apple cart advanced by LD 1063. Rather, it can and should be used to supplement the Committee's efforts.

The need for increased internet infrastructure in Maine is as true and timely as the need for broadly expanded electricity infrastructure in the 1930's. Municipal officials are encouraged to contact their legislators or participate directly in the public hearing on June 4 to urge support for passage of LD 68.

General Assistance (cont'd)

Third, when taking into consideration that 100% of the costs of administering the GA program are borne solely at the local level - an estimated \$5 million annually - municipal officials are growing increasingly frustrated with the advancement of policies that yield financial savings for the state at the expense of the Maine's property taxpayers. The fiscal note that accompanies LD 1035 accurately describes the impacts of the bill:

"Limiting the number of days a person capable of working and who does not have any dependents may receive general assistance benefits to 275 days every 5 years may produce savings to the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). Since General Assistance is administered by municipalities, DHHS does not have client specific data to determine how

long recipients have received benefits. If implemented, municipalities would manage the new limitation and lower their requests for reimbursement by the State. The number of clients who currently exceed the 9-month time limit is not estimated to be a significant percentage of all clients."

As shown in its vote of support, a bipartisan majority in the Senate was not persuaded by the municipal concerns. LD 1035 is now tabled in the House.

Municipal officials concerned about the implications of LD 1035 should contact their State Representatives and ask them to oppose LD 1035. The Legislature will be in session every day next week. Members of the House can be reached at 1-800-423-2900 or 287-1400 during the business day.

CORRECTION -

Revenue Sharing Funding Restoration Plan Supported

In last week's edition of the Legislative Bulletin (May 21) we erroneously reported in the *Party Line Votes on Revenue Sharing & Income Tax Proposals* article that the vote on LD 980, *An Act To Restore Revenue Sharing*, was "ought not to pass" by a margin of 7 to 6. LD 980, which would restore the municipal revenue sharing distribution to its full statutory level by the year 2020, is sponsored by Rep. Denise Tepler of Topsham.

We are happy to report that the vote on LD 980 was actually "ought to pass" by a margin of 7 to 6. Senator Paul Davis of Piscataquis County was the only Republican on the Taxation Committee to support the bill.

Also, in another article in last week's Bulletin regarding the bond package that MMA's Legislative Policy Committee would like to see advanced to the voters in November, the sponsor of a significant economic development bond (LD 1053) was incorrectly referenced as Rep. Larry Luchini of Ellsworth. Representative Luchini's first name is Louis.

We apologize for both errors.

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>.

Tuesday, June 2

Appropriations & Financial Affairs
Room 228, State House, 1:00 p.m.
Tel: 287-1316

LD 2 – An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for the Purchase and Development of the Bar Harbor Ferry Terminal as a Multimodal Transportation Facility.

LD 193 – An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Bicycle and Pedestrian Projects.

LD 217 – An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Development of a Multimodal Transportation Facility.

LD 271 – An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Intermodal Transportation Facilities.

LD 354 – An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Enhance Public Transportation in the Bangor Area.

LD 438 – An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Invest in Maine's Rail Infrastructure and Expand Passenger Rail Service.

LD 628 – An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Invest in Transportation Infrastructure.

LD 875 – An Act To Authorize A General Fund Bond Issue To Improve Highways, Bridges, Ports, Railroads and Other Multimodal Facilities.

Wednesday, June 3

Appropriations & Financial Affairs
Room 228, State House, 1:00 p.m.
Tel: 287-1316

LD 426 – An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Address Sea Level Rise.

LD 998 – An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Collect Data on and to Monitor Ocean Acidification.

LD 1069 – An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Upgrade Municipal Culverts at Stream Crossings.

LD 1248 – An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for the Land for Maine's Future Fund.

LD 1415 – An Act To Authorize Two General Fund Bond Issues To Improve Highways, Bridges and Multimodal Facilities.

Thursday, June 4

Appropriations & Financial Affairs
Room 228, State House, 1:00 p.m.
Tel: 287-1316

LD 386 – An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Fund Farmland Restoration.

LD 387 – An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Support Agricultural Enterprises and Encourage the Use of Local Farm Products in Public Schools.

LD 108 – An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Riverfront Community Development.

LD 254 – An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Support Waterfront Development.

LD 68 – An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Attract Business by Investing in High-speed Broadband Infrastructure.

Friday, June 5

Appropriations & Financial Affairs
Room 228, State House, 1:00 p.m.
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LD 1341 – An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Improve Maine's Housing Stock and Reduce Heating Costs and Oil Consumption.

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Guest speakers will include U.S. Postal Inspector, Michael Desrosiers, and representatives from the Bureau of Consumer Credit Protection, the Office of Securities, and AARP Maine.

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Thursday, June 11, 2015 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

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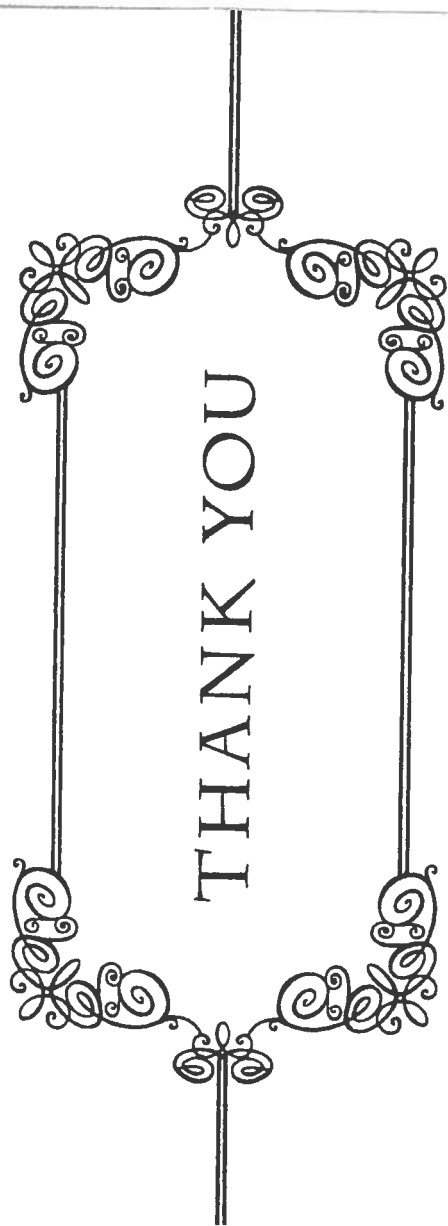
Maine Sex Offender Registry



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I want to thank the officers who helped me and especially my daughter Friday morning. You took a scared 8 year old and gave her an exciting adventure. She is still talking about riding to school with you.

Thanks from
Peggy Johnson & Lilly McBairty

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION

Presented to

Lilly Elizabeth McBrearty

On the occasion of your response to a medical emergency which occurred in the morning of 29 May 2015, you bravely maintained your composure, quickly and appropriately calling 9-1-1 to summon emergency services to care for your unconscious mother. Maintaining steady calmness in the face of uncertainty, you provided all requested information to the dispatcher who answered your call.

The Yezzie Police Department and the Penobscot County Regional Communications Center publicly recognize your bravery, maturity and level-headed actions in summoning emergency medical assistance to care for your mother. This certificate is presented in recognition & honor for a job very well done.



Mark Leonard

Chief of Police
Yezzie Police Department



Shad Labree

Executive Director
Penobscot County RCC



Bangor Area Storm Water Group Meeting
June 11, 2015; 9:00 am – 11:45 am
Milford Town Office
Location: 62 Davenport St, Milford, ME 04461

AGENDA

- 9:00 am** **Welcome, Introductions, Review of the Agenda (5 min)**
- 9:05 am** **Brief Check-ins on Compliance and Reporting (20 min)**
- Compliance with PY2 Permit Requirements
 - Hydrant Flushing
 - New DEP Requirements for Reporting
 - PY2 BASWG Reporting Plans
- 9:30 am** **Strategic Planning (45 min)**
- Review of existing BASWG goals
 - Selection of goals for BASWG (PY3-5 and beyond)
 - Brainstorming of Specific Projects and Initiatives for PY3-5
This will serve as a foundation for July discussion on grant writing
- 10:15 am** **Coffee Break (15 min)**
- 10:30 am** **Regional IDDE Sharing Session (40 min)**
- This is BASWG's annual informal sharing session designed to assist municipalities by learning from each other and joint trouble shooting*
- Each MS4 should send a representative to provide a brief overview of their MS4's IDDE efforts, findings and lessons learned; PPoint slides welcomed
- 11:10 am** **Education and Outreach Planning (20 min)**
- Chloride Outreach Plans
 - Final Stream Clean-up Reports
 - Stormdrain Stenciling
 - Website and Social Media
 - E&O Contract (Consultants will be asked to recuse themselves for this discussion)
- 11:30 am** **Meeting Adjourns**
- Any MS4s seeking assistance finalizing their chloride outreach plans should plan to stay after the meeting for up to 1 hour

Please note: As always, time estimates are approximate, timing will depend on the work of the group

MEETING MINUTES

Project: 20374.00 Veazie to Orono, 20375.00 Orono to Old Town, 20390.00 Orono, and 20391.00 Orono

Meeting Location: MaineDOT Blue Building
Bangor, Maine

Date: June 2, 2015

Attendees: Please see attached sheet for attendance.

Prepared By: J. Graham

After briefly reviewing the scope of the project, the following statements were made:

1. Need to mill down some high shoulders on 20374.00.
2. On Rte. 2 20374.00 Remove adjust guardrail at the following locations: 79+70 – 80+83 Lt., 129+50 – 131+38 Lt. & 129+25 – 131+00 Rt.
3. We will be backing up the pavement with APE & Truck time.
4. Temp. Paint will be used on surfaces. TOMS will be allowed on shim.
5. Joe G. gave a list of the PC's & PT's to Ed Nason.
6. Should set up temp. no parking at times during construction. (contractor will have to order Temp. no parking signs)
7. Need to set up stop lights off when working around intersections

A. Wage Rates

1. Project payrolls will be submitted to elations for review by the Department. Sonya Everett at 624-3519 can help with any questions.
2. Civil Rights paperwork for the board will be up to date and available 24 hours a day.- Civil rights board will be set up in Lane Yard same area as field office.
3. Lane was asked if they wanted to request any additional rates. Lane did not need any additional rates for this project. They would let Joe Graham know if they would like to request any new rates.
4. Question was raised why there were 2 wage rates in the book and which one to go by. I have contacted Rick Stephens in civil rights to try to find an answer.
5. **Subcontractors for this project have not been approved.**

B. 105 & 107 Special Provisions

1. Project is shutdown for the 4th of July and Labor Day holidays.
2. Work on WIN# 20374.00 Route 2 east of the Old Kelley Road, WIN# 20390.00, and Win# 20375.00 must be completed and have all lanes open to traffic by August 27, 2015. Supplemental Liquidated Damages in the amount of \$1,000 per calendar day shall be assessed until work is complete.
3. Completion date for this Project is September 19, 2015.

C. Meetings

1. Progress meetings will be every Tuesday at 9 am at the project field office.
2. The first Progress meeting will be held June 16, 2015

D. Project Specific Requirements

1. Traffic will be alternating 1 way in lane closures.
2. Traffic control violation is \$500 for 1st incident, \$1,000 for 2nd incident, and \$2,500 for 3rd incident.

E. Submittals

1. MaineDOT has received the Traffic Control Plan.
2. MaineDOT has received the Schedule of Work changes need to be made.
3. MaineDOT has received and approved the Spill Prevention Plan.
4. MaineDOT has received the Quality Control Plan.

F. Questions or Concerns on Pre-Construction portion

1. Question was asked how many hours of hand labor were for mortaring inside catch basins and how many catchbasins required mortar. I will get the information and pass it along to the contractor.
2. Concern was raised about transition of mill and fill areas to overlay areas on Kelley Rd. & Bennoch Rd. Will look at the pavement condition and transitions and come up with a suitable fix.
3. 6 possibly low catch basins that may need to be raised on Rte. 2 section in Veazie.
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G. Pre-Pave

1. **20374.00 Rte. 2** Shim and ¾" overlay. Mill and fill area 113+00 – 119+50 Lt. & Rt. Crack repair areas, these areas will be covered under the 424 Crack Repair Special provision. Minimum width of 18" and Minimum depth of 2½". Mill along granite curb from 253+00 – 262+48 on Rt. and 253+00 – 257+62 Lt.
2. **20375.00 College Ave.** Shim and ¾" overlay. Some Shoulder Rehab areas will be paved back in 2" 12.5mm Base.
3. **20390.00 Kelley Rd.** Mill 1¼" Mainline only, shim and 1½" overlay Mainline only and ¾" on the shoulder.
4. **20391.00 Bennoch Rd.** 1½" Mill and fill, Pave 2 ½" Base from 24+33 – 28+07 Rt. for shoulder and curb.

H. Questions or Concerns on Pre- Pave portion

1. Start paving Mid June around 15th.
2. Notify Bill Hartley for plant inspections.
3. Need a control Strip for ¾" overlay.
4. String structures prior to paving surface
5. ¾" joints pay for reasonable mix when pulling into the joint, but don't put back in the paver. Cold & Segregated
6. Make sure proper shims for paver for ¾ overlays (problem 2 years ago had to mill out some)

I have attempted to summarize the meeting as accurately as possible. If you feel that any of the items discussed herein are misrepresented in any way, please contact me within 5 working days. In the absence of any corrections or clarifications, it will be understood that these minutes accurately summarize our discussion. Thank you for your participation and continued efforts in making this a successful project.

Submitted by

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joe Graham".

Joe Graham
Project's Resident Inspector

Orono Veazie Water District Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting: Wednesday June 10th @ 7:00 pm
Orono Council Chambers

Welcome to our new superintendent, Boyd Smith.

1. Consideration of the Agenda
2. Approval of May 20 meeting minutes
3. Review of Financial Reports
 - Vendor Balance Detail – April and May 2015
 - Income and Expense Statement
 - Transaction List

Old Business

4. Woodard & Curran – Ron Hidu services to District

New Business

5. Wright-Pierce Hydraulic Model/Capital Improvement Plan Goal Setting
 - Jeff Musich, Wright-Pierce
6. Public Comment and Questions
7. Trustee comments or requests for information
8. Adjourn

Next Regular Monthly Meeting of the Board of Trustees:

July 6 @ 7 pm, Orono Council Chambers

County Jail System Amendments Advance Out Of Committee

The May 15 edition of the Legislative Bulletin described the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee's majority report and minority report proposals to address the county jail management and funding quandary, as well as the reaction by the Appropriations Committee during a hearing on a related state budget proposal submitted by Governor LePage. After holding additional work sessions, the Criminal Justice Committee has now polished its two competing reports on LD 186, *An Act To Reverse Jail Consolidation*, and advanced them for consideration by the full House and Senate.

The current jail consolidation program is being administered on the financing and authority provided by emergency legislation enacted in January that will expire in just three weeks. Therefore, the resolution to the county jail problem needs to be enacted with the immediacy of emergency legislation, which requires at least two-thirds support in both the House and Senate. Several legislators close to the issue expect the vote on the majority report to fall short of the two-thirds needed in at least one of the two legislative chambers, due at least in part to the substantial projected property tax impacts in the counties that "send" their inmates to other counties for boarding. Other legislators are more optimistic that the majority amendment will receive the super-majority support necessary.

Waiting in the wings, the Appropriations Committee has prepared a default proposal that could be inserted into the state budget if necessary. The default proposal would extend the stop-gap emergency legislation enacted in January to allow time for a more comprehensive solution to be developed and finally enacted in the 2016 legislative session.

Minority Report

The minority report, supported by four Democrats on the Criminal Justice Committee, would retain the State Board of Corrections and the coordinated county jail and state prison system. The substance of the minority report would change the Board of Corrections membership and

quorum requirements, while also providing just under \$13 million annually in state funding. The membership change would replace the member representing the general public and the two members appointed by the Governor with five additional members: the Commissioners of Administrative and Financial Services, Corrections, Health and Human Services and Public Safety and the Colonel of the Maine State Police, or their respective designees. The Commissioner of Corrections would be chair of the Board and the general quorum requirement would be reduced to three members rather than two-thirds of full membership.

Majority Report

The May 15 Legislative Bulletin article described the Committee's majority report, supported by all the Republicans on the Committee as well as three Democrats from the House. In summary, the majority report would do the following:

1. Repeal the Board of Corrections.
2. Return responsibility for managing jails to the counties.
3. Provide funding at \$14.7 million per

year to the Community Corrections Fund with a new distribution formula.

4. Lift the seven-year old cap on property taxes for correctional services so the property tax levy for jails could be increased each year by the "LD 1" growth rate, not to exceed 3% per fiscal year.

5. Establish a maximum prisoner boarding rate in statute of \$108 per day.

The most recent amendment to the majority report provides that the maximum prisoner boarding rate will be \$25 per day unless the state fails to provide its required level of funding, in which case the boarding rate cap will revert to the maximum of \$108 per day. A self-fulfilling prophecy if there ever was one.

In the event neither amendment passes with a two-thirds majority, the status quo proposal likely to be recommended by the Appropriations Committee would continue state funding at roughly \$12.2 million for FY 2016 and continue to deem the Commissioner of the Department of Corrections, Joseph Fitzpatrick, to be the State Board of Corrections until a more comprehensive resolution of the quandary is enacted in 2016.

Constitutional Right to Hunt Morphs Into Carryover

LD 703 and LD 753, two nearly identical bills, were given their public hearing by the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Committee towards the end of April and several work sessions followed. Both bills would send out to the voters a proposed amendment to the state's Constitution that would establish a personal right to hunt, fish and harvest wildlife for the citizens of Maine, subject only to laws enacted by the Legislature or rules promulgated by state agencies that promote wildlife conservation. Because there are some ordinances and regulations adopted at the municipal level that could be perceived as interfering with these new constitutional rights, MMA's Legislative Policy Committee voted to oppose the bills unless

language was included that protected local regulations such as firearm discharge and shellfish harvesting ordinances.

Update. For reasons that probably had little to do with the municipal concerns, the Committee finally voted last week "ought not to pass" on both bills. At the same time, another approach to the issue was working through the Legislature. A "joint order" (House Paper 976) was adopted by both the House and Senate that directs the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Committee to report out to the House a bill concerning the protection of Maine's outdoor heritage. Immediately after taking final action on the proposed constitutional amendments, the Committee voted to "carryover" House Paper 976 to the 2016 legislative session.

Bonds (cont'd)

decade ago.

In that decade, progress has limped along, with substantial state and federal investments resulting in the "3-Ring Binder" broadband highway that has not had enough off-ramps to bring reliable service to communities even within a stone's throw of the binder corridor. Over the course of this legislative session, the Energy, Utilities and Technology Committee grappled with various pieces of legislation that would help expedite the expansion of reliable, high-speed internet to parts of Maine where these services have been widely acknowledged to be lagging. As detailed in last week's Legislative Bulletin, that Committee's actions this session serve to underscore the need for an infusion of resources to help with broadband expansion, but no resources seem to be forthcoming. Thus, the bond proposal.

The sponsor of LD 68, Rep. Jim Campbell of Newfield, explained the need for this bill due to Maine's lagging economy with respect to the rest of the region. To Rep. Campbell, this lag is embodied by the inability of existing providers to update their "old school" business models. The bond investment was described as a "must" by Rep. Campbell, promising numerous economic advantages to both urban and rural communities.

Despite the fact that the LD 68 bond funds could be made available to private providers via implementation grants, the prospect of providing municipal planning grants caused the existing providers Time

Warner Cable, Fairpoint Communications, and the Telecommunications Association of Maine to testify against the bond proposal, either openly or by means of a resoundingly negative "neither for nor against" position. Maine is still at the bottom of the pack nationally in terms of service, yet these providers are still explicitly questioning whether 2015 is the right time for more investment.

Along with MMA, GrowSmart Maine and the Secretary of State's Small Busi-

ness Advocate testified in support of LD 68, with the latter speaking on behalf of the newly-formed Maine Broadband Coalition. The Small Business Advocate called broadband investment the "rural electrification of this century."

For now, however, the development of a bond package to advance to the voters takes a clear back-seat to the development of a state budget. First things first. More on the potential for investment financing in the weeks to come.

Excise Taxes and Truck Campers

A late-in-the-session bill that proposed to repeal the municipal authority to collect excise taxes on camping units that are carried in the beds of pickup trucks came within six votes of passage last week. The bill, LD 1308, *An Act to Eliminate the Requirement That Truck Campers Be Registered*, was proposed by Senator Paul Davis (Piscataquis Cty.) on the premise that registering these units does not make sense.

According to the Recreational Vehicle Industry Association (RVIA), a national trade association that represents the manufacturers of recreational vehicles and their component suppliers, separate registration of truck campers is important and should not be repealed for two reasons. First, the registration helps purchasers obtain financing through authorized RV dealerships, which base their loans in part on registration. The alternative to this method of financing is a more expensive personal loan. Second, the registration also makes it easier for law enforcement to identify and track stolen truck camper units. To RVIA, it seems the benefits of the annual registration outweigh the modest twelve dollar cost.

The Deputy Secretary of State for the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Patty Morneault, testified neither-for-nor-against the bill, explaining that the provision requiring separate registration of "truck campers" was enacted to help towns collect their excise tax on these units and to enforce sales tax requirements on the "casual sales" of these camping units. Ms. Morneault also testified that there are currently only 94 registered truck campers, less than half the number registered just six years ago. Eliminating the requirement to register

the campers would cost the state approximately \$1,000 in lost revenue.

Rep. James Gillway, a member of the Transportation Committee and Town Manager of Searsport, shared with the Committee his perspective that the number of registrations have gone down because law enforcement has consistently failed to monitor for registration decals and otherwise enforce the registration requirement, allowing the owners of truck campers to ignore the registration obligation. Typically, the Legislature does not repeal a law for the reason that it has not been well enforced. Rep. Gillway persuaded a majority of the Transportation Committee members to recommend against the bill and to, instead, send a letter from the Committee to law enforcement associations encouraging them to better monitor for compliance with the existing registration requirement.

Rep. Gillway also made the point that the Legislature needed to stop chipping away at municipal revenue sources at so many levels. Given the recent deep cuts to municipal revenue sharing, the first-in-history cut to Local Road Assistance, and pushing teacher retirement costs onto the property taxpayers, any more incremental cuts to municipal resources, regardless of their size or relative value, would be inappropriate in his view.

Despite LD 1308 only being supported by a minority of the Transportation Committee, the Senate voted in support of eliminating the truck camper registration process. LD 1308 was defeated in the House, however, by a very narrow margin. The authority of municipalities to assess and administer an excise tax on truck campers has been preserved.

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Legislative Session Turns Into The Home Stretch

At this writing, there is probably no one in the state who can speak with confidence about how this legislative session is going to approach the runway for a landing. Touch down was scheduled to occur less than two weeks from today, but that is looking increasingly unlikely. Ever since early January, when Governor LePage introduced a comprehensive tax reform plan in the center of his state budget, all predictive systems have been off kilter. Although the dynamics of divided government are certainly at play, the conspicuous display of partisan discord is quietly camouflaging some unexpected bipartisan alliances. To suggest that the decision-making process is very fluid at this point is an understatement.

With the exception of the two-year state budget, which must be reported out by the Appropriations Committee within the next few days, and with the exception of the bond package the Legislature may (or may not) develop for voter approval in November, all the various legislative proposals that might impact local government have been assigned recommendations by the legislative committees to which they were assigned and are now in the process of being acted upon by the full Legislature.

As a result of the stalled state budget development process, legislative activity on bills pertinent to municipal government has been relatively light this week. This edition of the Legislative Bulletin is primarily focused on tying-up some loose ends with respect to legislation of municipal interest that has been straggling to some degree through the legislative process.

Next week's Legislative Bulletin is scheduled to provide a detailed analysis of the proposed state budget proposal (or proposals) as recommended by the Appropriations Committee and legislative

leadership.

Beyond next week, we will be communicating to our municipal membership through our "action alert" system, as may be necessary. A comprehensive wrap-up of the 2015 legislative session, including complete descriptions of all the municipi-

pally related legislation that is ultimately enacted, will be provided in the July 2015 issue of the *Maine Townsman*.

Many thanks to all municipal officials for keeping so up-to-date and staying involved with respect to legislative matters throughout this winter and spring.

Two MMA Bond Proposals Heard by Appropriations Committee

Public hearings were held by the Appropriations Committee this week regarding two bond proposals developed and advanced by MMA's 70-member Legislative Policy Committee.

Transportation. LD 628, *An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Invest in Transportation Infrastructure*, would send to Maine's voters for approval a comprehensive \$125 million bond issue to allow for solid investments in Maine's transportation infrastructure. The Association's Policy Committee gave careful consideration to the apportionment of those borrowed resources among the various transportation needs and ultimately concluded that \$81.25 million should be recommended for road and bridge improvements, \$25 million for rail improvements, \$10 million for public transit, \$6.25 million for public trails and \$2.5 million for marine port and harbor infrastructure.

At the public hearing, representatives from various organizations spoke in favor of LD 628 in addition to the municipal association, including the Maine Better Transportation Association, Greater Portland Transit District, Maine Transit Association, Western Maine Transportation Services, and Grow Smart Maine. Most of these organizations emphasized the various states of disrepair and need for

more investment in highway, bridge and rail infrastructure, which has been detailed extensively in news report. The Mayors' Coalition noted how Maine's own Department of Transportation has a projected shortfall of \$119 million this year just to meet its statutory goals for road and bridge service, and encouraged the Committee to put thought into establishing a long-term state investment capital plan.

A long-time member of MMA's Legislative Policy Committee, Lou Stack of Standish, testified as Chairman of the Route 113 Corridor Committee, which strongly advocates for restoration of state-owned rail lines. According to Stack's testimony, the rail investment would help existing businesses reach markets they cannot serve now, provide excursion opportunities, and relieve traffic congestion.

Broadband Expansion. LD 68, *An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Attract Business by Investing in High-speed Broadband Infrastructure*, would provide \$10 million to be administered by the ConnectME Authority for the purpose of deploying broadband capacity. Currently, the Authority has less than \$1 million to invest annually and that has clearly not been enough to get the job done as quickly as had been hoped when the Authority was created in statute a

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Paul R. LePage
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David Bernhardt
COMMISSIONER

May 28, 2015

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

RE: Veazie, Orono, Old Town, Milling, Overlay, Drainage & Safety
Project# STP-2037(400), WIN 020374.00
STP-2037(500), WIN 020375.00
STP-2039(000), WIN 020390.00
STP-2039(100), WIN 020391.00

This is to advise you that the Maine Department of Transportation awarded a contract for the above referenced project. The Contractor on this project is The Lane Construction Corp., 90 Fieldstone Court, Cheshire, CT 06410-1212.

The Resident representing the State of Maine Department of Transportation is Joseph Graham, there will be a field office located on this project and he can be reached thru his cell phone number 446-0407 or his email address at Joseph.Graham@maine.gov.

Residents and property owners adjacent to this project may contact Joe Graham regarding construction activities, or for obtaining information in connection with this project.

In the event that our Resident cannot be contacted at the project site, you may contact me, Rob Clewley, Project Manager, at 557-5377.

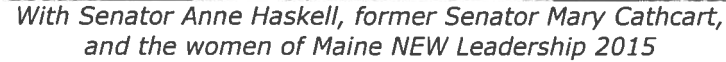
Sincerely,

Rob Clewley
Project Manager
Highway Program

Cc: Joseph Graham, Resident
Project File



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identification service
for Maine residents.



As a Pest
Management

Specialist for the University of Maine Cooperative
Extension, I co-authored a helpful tick guide for your
reference. The guide can be accessed by clicking [here](#).

To find out more about UMaine's Tick Identification Lab
and to fill out the tick submission form, click [here](#).

The Summit Project

Last week at the State House an
event was held to honor Maine's
fallen heroes and shed light on
the great work of the Summit
Project.



The Summit Project organizes a
variety of activities
including hikes to the summits
of mountains, where participants carry memorial stones
inscribed with the initials of fallen Maine soldiers, sailors,
airmen or Marines, who have died in the line of duty since
Sept. 11, 2001.

If you have the chance, I strongly urge you to visit the
Hall of Flags in the State House where the case of
memorial stones will be on display until July 4.

Maine NEW Leadership

This week, I was pleased to meet with members of this
year's Maine NEW Leadership program. Maine NEW
Leadership, developed to address the under-
representation of women in politics, is designed to
educate and empower young leaders by giving them the
skills necessary to become the next generation of effective
civic and political leaders. You can find out more about
the program, part of the Margaret Chase Smith Policy
Center, on their website [here](#).

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Legislative Update from Senator Jim Dill

Proudly Representing the communities of Senate District 5:

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Jim Dill

Senator - District 5

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Dear Mark,

It seems the warm weather has finally arrived and spring has sprung!

As we rapidly approach the end of session, there's still lots of work left to do. Statutory adjournment is less than two weeks away on June 17th. Any day, the state's budget writing committee is expected to vote out a budget. From there, the budget will go before both the House and Senate and eventually make its way to the governor for his approval.

In this update, I've included some information on Lyme disease awareness, a veterans remembrance exhibit in the State House, and recent visitors from the Maine NEW Leadership program.

As always, it is important for me to hear from you. If you have any questions or concerns, I can be reached at 827-3498 or by e-mail at jamesdill207@gmail.com.

Best Regards,



Lyme Disease Awareness

It is that time of the year when we need to start watching out for ticks. Most of us are by now familiar with the danger of ticks, and we know to check ourselves and each other from head to toe after we've been outside.

What some of you may not know is that UMaine Cooperative Extension is offering a free tick-





PREPAVING CONFERENCE REPORT

to use the 403.210 item as the control on this project the testing would have to be changed to Method "A"



PREPAVING CONFERENCE REPORT

Defective/Leaking Equipment Plan:

Spill kits/remove from mat

Tack & Distributor:

RS-1 full uniform coverage - McAsphalt Supplied - Truck w/buggy for joints ect. - Cover catchbasins prior to tacking.

Sequence of Operations:

start shim on college ave - route two may do kelly road after, will be working around utilities for structures will update schedual as they go.,

Production Goals:

1000 tons per day

Trucking Considerations:

no turning in paved drive.

Utilities, Manholes, Buried Structures, Catchbasins:

overlay sections - some raised ajusted manholes gate valves and catch basins, some will be will be milled around.

Will be looking at these prior to make determinations

mill & fill sections - milled around most structures

Drainage Considerations (flat grades, etc):

backing up pavement - route 2 some granite curb will be addressed with mill, water problem on college ave shoulder rehab should take care of. Route 2 Just before vet across the road.

Bridge Membrane & Approaches:

Milling & fill 1 inch on bridge - mill transition to 3/4 inch sections

Traffic Control:

TCP updated plan submitted, alternating one way traffic, lights off when flaggers controling intersections. Will Use note 20 allowing paving in a single direction for Shim and surface mixes

Truck Cleanout Area:

sunrise plant location

Resolution of Issues:

Resolve on site at lowest posible level

QCT&Foreman/Inspector - Ed/Joe - John/Rob

Special Requests:

Joe requested that they have the proper shims for the paver.

General Comments:

For the 3/4 overlay the contractor plans on doing control strip as of right now, there was discussion about posibly using the 403.210 section for approval. However the spec requires "the same mix has been used and approved under method A or B testing requirements with approved volumetric and density on a current MaineDOT project." In order



PREPAVING CONFERENCE REPORT

CONTRACT INFORMATION

WIN 020374.00 Town: Veazie, Orono Date: 6/2/2015
 Resident: JOSEPH GRAHAM Paving Contr.: LANE CONSTRUCTION CORP Field Office:
 Prime Contractor: LANE CONSTRUCTION CORP. (THE) Resident Cell:
 Specification Date: 01/07/15 Systems of Units: US Customary Paving Start Date: 6/15/2015

Check which HMA specification is going to be used. If different need to update TMS Project (PIN) information.

WIN 020375.00 Town: Orono, Old Town
 WIN 020390.00 Town: Orono
 WIN 020391.00 Town: Orono

MEETING INFORMATION

MaineDOT/Consultant Personnel	Other Personnel
JOHN BYERS LANE CONSTRUCTION CORP	Mark Leonard Town of Veazie Joe Madigan - Town of Orono
ASHLEY GRANT LANE CONSTRUCTION CORP	
ED NASON LANE CONSTRUCTION CORP	
ROBERT CLEWLEY MaineDOT	
KEVIN CUMMINGS MaineDOT	
JOSEPH GRAHAM MaineDOT	
JOSHUA MAILMAN MaineDOT	
ALDEN MCLAUGHLIN MaineDOT	
STEVEN THEBARGE MaineDOT	

Plan Administrator: JOSH SHAW Phone: 207-991-3077
 Plant/Location: LANE CONSTRUCTION CORP—HERM PCT: ASHLEY GRANT QCT: ADAM CARR
 Plant Inspector: WILLIAM HARTLEY Phone: 207-446-1524
 Plant/Location: PCT: QCT:
 Plant Inspector: Phone:
 Paving Inspector: JOSHUA MAILMAN Phone Number:

Item	Job Mix No.	Sample Type	Tonnage	# of Lots	# Mix /Lot	# Core /Lot
403.209	LAN-HE15-50B-95FTR-58	ACCEPT (METHOD D)	410	1	2	
403.210	LAN-HE15-50B-95CTR-64	ACCEPT (METHOD C)	1270	1	4	5
403.2104	LAN-HE15-50B-95FTR-64	ACCEPT (METHOD C)	6071	1	8	
403.211	LAN-HE15-50B-95FTR-64	ACCEPT (METHOD C)	6300	1	8	
403.213	LAN-HE15-50B-12R-58	ACCEPT (METHOD D)	170	1	1	
424.37	LAN-HE15-50B-95FTR1-58	ACCEPT (METHOD D)		1	1	

Item/JMF Comments:

403.210, 403.2104, 403.211 All require PG64-28, 50 gyro mix - 403.213 no density incentive/disincentive but for curb installation areas requires a 3-5 ton vib roller and for shoulder rehab areas requires a roller train of a 10 ton vib a 12 ton pneumatic, and a 10 ton finish. Bridge deck requires oscillatory roller.

Special Provisions:

401 - Thin Lift Surface Treatment, 424 - Crack Repair

Paving Equipment:

Paver - Roadtec RP190e

Rollers - Hamm HD 110 knockdown, IR PR240R Intermediate, and Hamm HD-90 finish. For Item 403.213 - a Bomag 3-5 ton roller will be used. HD 90 will be used as oscillator for bridge deck.

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