



Veazie Town Council

Regular Meeting/Public Hearing

July 13, 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 June 22nd, 2015 Regular Council Meeting Minutes & June 29th Special Council Meeting Minutes and July 6th Special Council Meeting Minutes
- ITEM 6:** Comments from the Public

New Business:

- ITEM 7:** Public Hearing for FY15/16 School Budget
- ITEM 8:** Signing of the School Budget Warrant
- ITEM 9:** Signing of the School Budget Validation Warrant
- ITEM 10:** Reappointment of Benjamin Birch as Tax Assessor for a 1 year term.
- ITEM 11:** Reappointment of John Larson as Code Enforcement Officer, Building Inspector, Local Plumbing Inspection, Addressing Officer and E-911 Officer for a 1 year term.
- ITEM 12:** Reappointment of James Brann as a member of the Board of Appeals for a 3 year term.
- ITEM 13:** Letter of engagement with Bratner, Thibodeau & Associates

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947-9624

Chris Bagley
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Robert Rice
1116 Buck Hill Dr
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Karen Walker
1002 Mutton Ln
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David King
1081 Main St
942-2376



Old Business:

- ITEM 14:** Manager's Report
- ITEM 15:** Comments from the Public
- ITEM 16:** Requests for information and Town Council Comments
- ITEM 17:** Review & Sign of AP Town Warrant #25, #26 & #1 and Town Payroll #26 & #1
School Payroll Warrant #1 and AP School Warrant #1 & #1A
- ITEM 18:** Adjournment

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Agenda Items For July 13, 2015 Council Meeting

ITEM 7: The public hearing on the proposed school budget for FY 15/16 will be conducted. The overall proposed budget is \$4,156,427.82.

ITEM 8: Upon the completion of the public hearing the school budget warrant will be prepared and presented for Council signature.

ITEM 9: The school budget validation warrant will be presented for council signature

ITEM 10: Assessor Benjamin Birch is up for reappointment. Staff recommends that Assessor Birch be reappointed as the Town's Assessor for the term of 1 year.

ITEM 11: Code Enforcement Officer (CEO) John Larson is up for reappointment. Staff recommends that CEO be reappointed as the Town's Code Enforcement Officer, Building Inspector, Local Plumbing Inspector, Addressing Officer and E-911 Officer for the term of 1 year

ITEM 12: Board of Appeals Member James Brann is up for reappointment. Staff recommends that Mr. Brann be reappointed to the Town's Board of Appeals for a 3 year term

ITEM 13: A letter of engagement has been received by the Town of Veazie's prior year accounting firm Bratner, Thibodeau and Associates. It would be staff's recommendation that this letter of engagement be signed by the Council Chair and Manager Leonard

Veazie Town Special Council Meeting
July 6th, 2015

Members Present: Chairman Tammy Perry, Councilor Robert Rice, Councilor Karen Walker, Councilor Chris Bagley, Councilor David King, Manager Mark Leonard, Secretary Julie Strout, Principal Matt Cyr, School Committee Chair Gavin Batchelder, School Committee members Kristen Bagley, Julia Hathaway and Valli Vel, Budget Committee Chair Jeff Wheelden, Budget Committee members Brian Perkins and Judy Horten 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

New Business:

ITEM 3: School Budget Discussion

The Councilors, School Committee members and Budget Committee members reviewed and discussed school budget figures.

Councilor Robert Rice made a motion, seconded by Councilor David King to recommend \$2,766,500.00 as the number from the Council to move forward with. Voted 3-2-0. Motion carried. Councilor Bagley and Councilor Walker opposed.

ITEM 5: Public Comments

There were several comments made by citizens.

ITEM 6: Adjournment

Councilor Robert Rice motioned to adjourn

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

Adjourned at 8:16pm

A True Copy Attest

Julie Strout
Deputy Clerk

Veazie Town Council Meeting
June 22nd, 2015

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

Members Absent:
None

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 Executive Session 1 MRSA 405 (6) (A) Personnel Matter as #7B, #7A as Legal Counsel Discussion and #7C as School Budget Discussion. Manager Leonard wanted to add Economic Development Committee as # 9B and add #10 as Future Meeting Dates.

**ITEM 5: Approval of the June 9th Regular Council Meeting Minutes, June 9th, 2015
Veazie Town Meeting Minutes and the June 15th, 2015 Special Council Meeting Minutes**

Councilor Karen Walker made a motion, seconded by Councilor Chris Bagley to accept the June 9th, 2015 Regular Council Meeting Minutes as written. Voted 4-0-1. Motion carried. Councilor Rice abstained.

Councilor Karen Walker made a motion, seconded by Councilor David King to accept the June 9th, 2015 Veazie Town Meeting Minutes as written. Voted 4-0-1. Motion carried. Councilor Rice abstained.

Councilor Karen Walker made a motion, seconded by Councilor Chris Bagley to accept the June 15th, 2015 Special Council Meeting Minutes as written. Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried

ITEM 6: Comments from the public

Citizen Susan Logan had a question about the Executive Session.

New Business:

ITEM 7A: Legal Counsel Discussion

Councilor Robert Rice made a motion, seconded by Councilor David King to stay with Farrell, Rosenblatt & Russell and Mr. Huber for a minimum of 6 months. Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried

ITEM 7B: Executive Session 1 MRSA 405 (6) (A) Personnel Matter

Councilor Robert Rice made a motion, seconded by Councilor Chris Bagley to enter into Executive Session 1 MRSA 405 (6) (A) Personnel Matter at 6:42pm. Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried.

Councilor Robert Rice made a motion, seconded by Councilor Dave King to exit Executive Session 1 MRSA 405 (6) (A) Personnel Matter at 7:05pm. Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried.

ITEM 7C: School Budget Discussion

Attorney Russell reviewed the statutes and budget process per the Town's charter for the next steps to approve the School Budget.

The Council wanted to set up a workshop with the School Committee and Budget Committee for June 29th, 2015

ITEM 8: Office closure early June 30th

Councilor Robert Rice made a motion, seconded by Councilor Karen Walker to close the Town Office at 12 noon on June 30th for year end processing. Voted. 5-0-0. Motion carried.

ITEM 9A: Administrator Agreement for Region 5 Underage Drinking Task Force

Councilor Chris Bagley made a motion, seconded by Councilor Karen Walker to sign the Administrator Agreement for Region 5 Underage Drinking Task Force. Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried.

ITEM 9B: Economic Development Committee

Patricia Rice updated the Council on the committees suggested plans for the Community Center. The Council would like to schedule a meeting with the Economic Development Committee and the Community Center Redevelopment Committee in 60 days.

Old Business:

ITEM 10: Future Meeting Dates

The Council would like to keep the first meeting date of the month and then make the decision if they need the second meeting of that month. The October 12th meeting will be cancelled due to the holiday.

ITEM 11: Roads Discussion

Councilor Chris Bagley made a motion, seconded by Councilor Karen Walker to approve the updated list of roads and award the paving to Hopkins Paving & Landscaping and to hire an overseer of the paving project. Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried

ITEM 12: Manager's Report

Manager Leonard reviewed his report with the Councilor's.

ITEM 13: Comments from the Public

There were a few comments made by citizens.

ITEM 14: Requests for information and Town Council Comments

Councilor Rice wanted to see if a special newsletter could be sent out by July 1st to inform the public on what is going on with the School budget process.

ITEM 15: Review & sign of AP Town Warrant #24 and Town Payroll #25, School Payroll Warrant #26 and AP School Warrant #26.

The warrants were circulated and signed.

ITEM 16: Adjournment

Councilor Karen Walker motioned to adjourn

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

Adjourned at 8:20pm

A True Copy Attest

Mark Leonard

Town Manager

Veazie Town Workshop/Special Council Meeting
June 29th, 2015

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

New Business:

ITEM 3: School Budget Discussion with School and Budget Committee

The Councilors, School Committee members and Budget Committee members reviewed and discussed school budget figures. The Budget Committee and School Committee will meet on June 30th at 4:00pm in the Council Chambers for a Budget Meeting in order to bring a budget amount to the Council at the next meeting.

ITEM 4: School Budget Process

The Council agreed on these dates to complete the School Budget process:

June 30th – Budget Committee Meeting at 4:00pm at Town Office

July 6th - Special Council Meeting at 6:30pm at Town Office

July 13th – Public Hearing at 6:30pm at School

July 28th – Town Meeting at 7:00pm at School

Aug 4th – School Budget Validation Election from 8:00am to 8:00pm at Town Office

ITEM 5: Public Comments

There were several comments made by citizens.

ITEM 6: Adjournment

Councilor Robert Rice motioned to adjourn

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

Adjourned at 8:18pm

A True Copy Attest

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June 15, 2015

Town Council and Mark Leonard, Town Manager
Town of Veazie
1084 Main Street
Veazie, ME 04401

Dear Members of the Town Council and Mark Leonard, Town Manager:

Please review the enclosed letter documenting the engagement and have it signed by the designated officials and return a copy to us. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me.

Yours truly,

BRANTNER, THIBODEAU & ASSOCIATES



Craig S. Costello, CPA

June 15, 2015

Town Council and Mark Leonard, Town Manager
Town of Veazie
1084 Main Street
Veazie, ME 04401

We are pleased to confirm our understanding of the services we are to provide Town of Veazie, Maine for the year ended June 30, 2015. We will audit the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information, including the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the basic financial statements of Town of Veazie, Maine as of and for the year ended June 30, 2015. Accounting standards generally accepted in the United States of America provide for certain required supplementary information (RSI), such as management's discussion and analysis (MD&A), to supplement Town of Veazie, Maine's basic financial statements. Such information, although not part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. As part of our engagement, we will apply certain limited procedures to Town of Veazie, Maine's RSI in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. These limited procedures will consist of inquiries of management regarding the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We will not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance. The following RSI is required by generally accepted accounting principles and will be subjected to certain limited procedures, but will not be audited:

- 1) Management's Discussion and Analysis.
- 2) Budgetary Comparison Schedules.

We have also been engaged to report on supplementary information other than RSI that accompanies Town of Veazie, Maine's financial statements. We will subject the following supplementary information to the auditing procedures applied in our audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, and we will provide an opinion on it in relation to the financial statements as a whole, in a report combined with our auditor's report on the financial statements:

- 1) Schedule of expenditures of federal awards.
- 2) Other Supporting Schedules.

Audit Objectives

The objective of our audit is the expression of opinions as to whether your financial statements are fairly presented, in all material respects, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles and to report on the fairness of the supplementary information referred to in the second paragraph when considered in relation to the financial statements as a whole. Our audit will be conducted in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards for financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and will include tests of the accounting records of Town of Veazie, Maine and other procedures we consider necessary to enable us to express such opinions. We will issue a written report upon completion of our audit of Town of Veazie, Maine's financial statements. Our report will be addressed to the Town Council of Town of Veazie, Maine. We cannot provide assurance that unmodified opinions will be expressed. Circumstances may arise in which it is necessary for us to modify our opinions or add emphasis-of-matter or other-matter paragraphs. If our opinions on the financial statements are other than unmodified, we will discuss the reasons with you in advance. If, for any reason, we are unable to complete the audit or are unable to form or have not formed opinions, we may decline to express opinions or issue reports, or may withdraw from this engagement.

We will also provide a report (that does not include an opinion) on internal control related to the financial statements and compliance with the provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a material effect on the financial statements as required by *Government Auditing Standards*. The report on internal control and on compliance and other matters will include a paragraph that states (1) that the purpose of the report is solely to describe the scope of testing of internal control and compliance, and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control on compliance, and (2) that the report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. The paragraph will also state that the report is not suitable for any other purpose. If during our audit we become aware that Town of Veazie, Maine is subject to an audit requirement that is not encompassed in the terms of this engagement, we will communicate to management and those charged with governance that an audit in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards and the standards for financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* may not satisfy the relevant legal, regulatory, or contractual requirements.

Audit Procedures—General

An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements; therefore, our audit will involve judgment about the number of transactions to be examined and the areas to be tested. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. We will plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable rather than absolute assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether from (1) errors, (2) fraudulent financial reporting, (3) misappropriation of assets, or (4) violations of laws or governmental regulations that are attributable to the government or to acts by management or employees acting on behalf of the government. Because the determination of abuse is subjective, *Government Auditing Standards* do not expect auditors to provide reasonable assurance of detecting abuse.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, combined with the inherent limitations of internal control, and because we will not perform a detailed examination of all transactions, there is a risk that material misstatements may exist and not be detected by us, even though the audit is properly planned and performed in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*. In addition, an audit is not designed to detect immaterial misstatements or violations of laws or governmental regulations that do not have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, we will inform the appropriate level of management of any material errors, any fraudulent financial reporting, or misappropriation of assets that come to our attention. We will also inform the appropriate level of management of any violations of laws or governmental regulations that come to our attention, unless clearly inconsequential, and of any material abuse that comes to our attention. Our responsibility as auditors is limited to the period covered by our audit and does not extend to later periods for which we are not engaged as auditors.

Our procedures will include tests of documentary evidence supporting the transactions recorded in the accounts, and may include tests of the physical existence of inventories, direct confirmation of receivables and certain other assets and liabilities by correspondence with selected individuals, funding sources, creditors, and financial institutions. We will request written representations from your attorneys as part of the engagement, and they may bill you for responding to this inquiry. At the conclusion of our audit, we will require certain written representations from you about your responsibilities for the financial statements; compliance with laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements; and other responsibilities required by generally accepted auditing standards.

Audit Procedures—Internal Control

Our audit will include obtaining an understanding of the government and its environment, including internal control, sufficient to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements and to design the nature, timing, and extent of further audit procedures. Tests of controls may be performed to test the effectiveness of certain controls that we consider relevant to preventing and detecting errors and fraud that are material to the financial statements and to preventing and detecting misstatements resulting from illegal acts and other noncompliance matters that have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. Our tests, if performed, will be less in scope than would be necessary to render an opinion on internal control and, accordingly, no opinion will be expressed in our report on internal control issued pursuant to *Government Auditing Standards*.

An audit is not designed to provide assurance on internal control or to identify significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. However, during the audit, we will communicate to management and those charged with governance internal control related matters that are required to be communicated under AICPA professional standards and *Government Auditing Standards*.

Audit Procedures—Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, we will perform tests of Town of Veazie, Maine's compliance with the provisions of applicable laws, regulations, contracts, agreements, and grants. However, the objective of our audit will not be to provide an opinion on overall compliance and we will not express such an opinion in our report on compliance issued pursuant to *Government Auditing Standards*.

Other Services

We will also assist in preparing the financial statements, schedule of expenditures of federal awards and related notes of Town of Veazie, Maine in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles based on information provided by you. We will also prepare capital assets and depreciation schedules, if needed, for use during the audit. Our preparation of these schedules will be limited to formatting information into a working schedule based on information provided by management. These nonaudit services do not constitute an audit under *Government Auditing Standards* and such services will not be conducted in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*.

Management Responsibilities

Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal controls, including evaluating and monitoring ongoing activities, to help ensure that appropriate goals and objectives are met; following laws and regulations; and ensuring that management is reliable and financial information is reliable and properly reported. Management is also responsible for implementing systems designed to achieve compliance with applicable laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements. You are also responsible for the selection and application of accounting principles, for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, and for compliance with applicable laws and regulations and the provisions of contracts and grant agreements.

Management is also responsible for making all financial records and related information available to us and for the accuracy and completeness of that information. You are also responsible for providing us with (1) access to all information of which you are aware that is relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements, (2) additional information that we may request for the purpose of the audit, and (3) unrestricted access to persons within the government from whom we determine it necessary to obtain audit evidence.

Your responsibilities include adjusting the financial statements to correct material misstatements and for confirming to us in the written representation letter that the effects of any uncorrected misstatements aggregated by us during the current engagement and pertaining to the latest period presented are immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole.

You are responsible for the design and implementation of programs and controls to prevent and detect fraud, and for informing us about all known or suspected fraud affecting the government involving (1) management, (2) employees who have significant roles in internal control, and (3) others where the fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements. Your responsibilities include informing us of your knowledge of any allegations of fraud or suspected fraud affecting the government received in communications from employees, former employees, grantors, regulators, or others. In addition, you are responsible for identifying and ensuring that the government complies with applicable laws, regulations, contracts, agreements, and grants and for taking timely and appropriate steps to remedy fraud and noncompliance with provisions of laws, regulations, contracts or grant agreements, or abuse that we report.

You are responsible for the preparation of the supplementary information in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. You agree to include our report on the supplementary information in any document that contains and indicates that we have reported on the supplementary information. You also agree to include the audited financial statements with any presentation of the supplementary information that includes our report thereon. Your responsibilities include acknowledging to us in the written representation letter that (1) you are responsible for presentation of the supplementary information in accordance with GAAP; (2) you believe the supplementary information, including its form and content, is fairly presented in accordance with GAAP; (3) the methods of measurement or presentation have not changed from those used in the prior period (or, if they have changed, the reasons for such changes); and (4) you have disclosed to us any significant assumptions or interpretations underlying the measurement or presentation of the supplementary information.

Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining a process for tracking the status of audit findings and recommendations. Management is also responsible for identifying for us previous financial audits, attestation engagements, performance audits or other studies related to the objectives discussed in the Audit Objectives section of this letter. This responsibility includes relaying to us corrective actions taken to address significant findings and recommendations resulting from those audits, attestation engagements, performance audits, or other studies. You are also responsible for providing management's views on our current findings, conclusions, and recommendations, as well as your planned corrective actions, for the report, and for the timing and format for providing that information.

You agree to assume all management responsibilities relating to the financial statements, schedule of expenditures of federal awards and related notes and any other nonaudit services we provide. You will be required to acknowledge in the management representation letter our assistance with preparation of the financial statements, schedule of expenditures of federal awards and related notes and that you have reviewed and approved the financial statements, schedule of expenditures of federal awards and related notes prior to their issuance and have accepted responsibility for them. Further, you agree to oversee the nonaudit services by designating an individual, preferably from senior management, with suitable skill, knowledge, or experience; evaluate the adequacy and results of those services; and accept responsibility for them.

Engagement Administration, Fees, and Other

We understand that your employees will prepare all cash or other confirmations we request and will locate any documents selected by us for testing. Supporting schedules include, but are not limited to:

- 1) Cash lead schedule.
- 2) Summary of fixed asset activity, including changes.
- 3) Summary of long-term debt activity, including changes.
- 4) Summary of capital lease activity, including changes.
- 5) Summary of grant activity.

6) Summary of student activity and other agency fund accounts.

7) Summary of capital project funds.

We will provide copies of our reports to the Town; however, management is responsible for distribution of the reports and the financial statements. Unless restricted by law or regulation, or containing privileged and confidential information, copies of our reports are to be made available for public inspection.

The audit documentation for this engagement is the property of Brantner, Thibodeau & Associates and constitutes confidential information. However, subject to applicable laws and regulations, audit documentation and appropriate individuals will be made available upon request and in a timely manner to the State Department of Audit or its designee, a federal agency providing direct or indirect funding, or the U.S. Government Accountability Office for purposes of a quality review of the audit, to resolve audit findings, or to carry out oversight responsibilities. We will notify you of any such request. If requested, access to such audit documentation will be provided under the supervision of Brantner, Thibodeau & Associates personnel. Furthermore, upon request, we may provide copies of selected audit documentation to the aforementioned parties. These parties may intend, or decide, to distribute the copies or information contained therein to others, including other governmental agencies.

The audit documentation for this engagement will be retained for a minimum of five years after the report release date or for any additional period requested by the State Department of Audit. If we are aware that a federal awarding agency, pass-through entity, or auditee is contesting an audit finding, we will contact the party(ies) contesting the audit finding for guidance prior to destroying the audit documentation.

We expect to begin our audit in August of 2015. Craig S. Costello, CPA is the engagement partner and is responsible for supervising the engagement and signing the reports or authorizing another individual to sign them. Our fee for these services will be at our standard hourly rates except that we agree that our gross fee will not exceed \$5,500 for the Town audit and \$3,200 for the School audit. Our standard hourly rates vary according to the degree of responsibility involved and the experience level of the personnel assigned to your audit. The above fee is based on anticipated cooperation from your personnel and the assumption that unexpected circumstances will not be encountered during the audit. If significant additional time is necessary, we will discuss it with you and arrive at a new fee estimate before we incur the additional costs.

Town Council and Mark Leonard, Town Manager
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We appreciate the opportunity to be of service to Town of Veazie, Maine and believe this letter accurately summarizes the significant terms of our engagement. If you have any questions, please let us know. If you agree with the terms of our engagement as described in this letter, please sign the enclosed copy and return it to us.

Very truly yours,

Brantner Whibodian & Associates

RESPONSE:

This letter correctly sets forth the understanding of Town of Veazie, Maine.

By:

Title: Chairman of Town Council

Date:

By:

Title: Town Manager

Date:

Manager's Report For July 13, 2015 Council Meeting

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

With the approval from the Council the Region 5 Underage Task force administrator contract has been signed and returned 59 Main Street Orono, ME 04473 to the State of Maine for their signature. Sgt. Nichols has met with Det. Dinsmore and taken over the paperwork and request for funding has already been received.

All areas that were approved for paving have been reviewed for catch basins, water shutoffs and sewer structures. Dig safe has been contacted for areas that need ground work and after a discussion with the sewer Supt he will be raising his structures once the shim layer of tar has been applied. I have prepared the paving contract for Hopkins paving and will be in discussion with them to schedule the approved paving.

I have met with Steven's Monument Repair Company who is performing the stone repair and cleaning work at the cemetery. The work is well underway and is expected to be completed by July 10.

A meeting was had between Supt. Lyons, School Chair Batchelder, Council Chair Perry and myself on forming a schedule for the next round of the school budget process after it failed to pass the budget validation vote. The dates chosen were July 13 for the public hearing, July 28 for the Town Meeting and August 4 for the budget validation vote.

I attended a meeting on the development of a Child Advocacy Center in the Bangor region. The meeting was held at the Department of Health and Human Services and was well attended. The concept is new to this area but is working well in other parts of the State of Maine. I look forward to being part of the process as this initiative moves forward.

I was requested to cook for the Gateway Seniors without walls BBQ that was held at Riverview Park. The event was well attended.

I have met with Mike Lufkin who will be doing work at the cemetery to make more lots available. This will be accomplished by filling in three of the current roads. This work should begin near the end of July.

I have been attending the construction progress meetings on the paving of State Street. This week the drag shim work was completed and now all of the utilities will be raised in preparation for the final surface. This is still scheduled to occur at the end of the month.

We closed the Office early on the June 30th to complete the end of fiscal year close out. This process was completed without incident. We will now begin preparing items for the end of fiscal year audit.

Manager's Report For July 13, 2015 Council Meeting

A meeting was had between the School Board members, the Budget Committee Members and the Members of the Council. From this meeting a meeting was scheduled with the School Board and the Budget Committee where a compromise was reached on the School Budget between the two bodies. The amount agreed upon was \$2,845,135.67. Since the meeting it was learned that the school would receive more funding than expected from the State of Maine. This caused the School Board to change their request to \$2,813,173.17 when they met with the Council on July 6 during a special meeting. It was ultimately decided by the Council that they would approve \$2,766,500.00 for the local allocation for the School Budget. This will be the number that is presented at the Public Hearing on the School Budget which is scheduled for July 13. The new proposed budget has been prepared by the business office and has been reviewed by me and sent to the Council and Budget Committee. It has also been posted to the Town's website and a copy is on the front counter of the Town Office.

I have met with the new Veazie Community School Principal, Matt Cyr, on a few different occasions since he began on July 1. The first project we are going to collaborate on is the forming of a public safety committee which Principal Cyr has experience in from his previous job. This group will be made up of a variety of community members. A tentative meeting date has been scheduled for late July.

I have met with Laura Rose Day and viewed the progress of the site of the former Bangor Hydro Dam. The site is nearly complete and came out very nice. Laura will be meeting with the Conservation Commission over the next few weeks to discuss the future of the Park. From these discussions she will meet with the Council to present a final plan.

I have met with a representative from Sargent's Construction who was the contractor for the dam removal. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the plan for repairing Veazie Street from the construction traffic. They have already made plans to repair the road once the project is complete.

I have prepared and sent an email to Maine Municipal Associations requesting assistance in locating a mediator for when the School Board and Council get together to form the strategic plan for the school. I have also requested assistance in locating a consultant to facilitate updating the Town's comprehensive plan. As of this writing I have not received the requested information but once received it will be presented to the Council

Attachments:

Weekly construction progress meeting notes dated June 23, 2015
Legislative update from Senator Dill
Weekly construction progress meeting notes dated June 30, 2015
Newsletter from Representative Lyford
Letter from the Orono Veazie Water District
2014 Annual Drinking water quality report
Newsletter from Representative Lyford

Maine Department of Transportation
Highway Program

June 23rd, 2015

Re: **MDOT projects # 20374.00 Rte. 2, 20375.00 College Ave.,
20390.00 Kelley Rd., 20391.00 Bennoch Rd.
Orono, Old Town, and Veazie, Maine**

Weekly Progress Meeting

Dear Sir/Madam,

This is my understanding of items discussed at our weekly progress meeting held on Tuesday, **June 23rd, 2015** at Orono field office in Orono.

The following were present:

See Attendance Sheet

1. Progress since last meeting:

- Remove sidewalk on Bennoch Rd.
- Removed Curb on College Ave.
- Pave 12.5mm Base on College Ave.
- Placed 12" underdrain on Rte. 2
- Place Bituminous curb on College Ave.
- Start crack repair on Rte. 2.

2. Expected activities before next meeting:

- Finishing Removing Pavement Surface on Bennoch Rd.
- Mill repair area on Rte. 2
- Place Curb on Bennoch Rd.
- Finish removing excavation on Bennoch Rd.
- Start shim on Rte. 2.
- Finish crack repair.

3. Contractor's Schedule of Work:

- Received an updated schedule on 6/18/15

4. Payment Progress:

- Estimate # 1 was to be processed Friday June 19, 2015.
- Estimate # 2 will to be processed Friday July 3, 2015.
- Estimates will be processed every week when HMA is placed.

5. Field Observations:

- MaineDOT requested a price for a new Catch Basin Type F4-C on Rte. 2 at Sta. 250+25 Lt. on 6/19/15.
- Guardrail needs to be adjusted on Rte. 2 prior to surface.
- DOT will keep sloped curb on Bennoch Rd. that the town of Orono is paying for. But the remaining curb is to be vertical curb to maintain federal participation.

6. Anticipated Traffic Delays or Related Issues:

- We have been using some no parking signs that we will utilize when necessary.

7. Working Drawings Submittals:

8. Updates to Pre-construction submittals:

- Following Subs have been approved Curb Solutions, and Coastal Road Repair
- Approved Buy America for Cascade catch basin tops
- Rec. & approved Cement Design for slipform curb.

9. Change Orders, RFI's, Correspondence:

Change Orders:

- Contract Mod. #2 has been written and signed to adjust start work date.

RFI's:

Correspondence:

10. Project Control Log:

None

11. Issues, Disputes, Claims, Concerns and Resolutions:

Claims:

- No claims at this time

Issues:

Concerns:

- Lane has concern about extending time for contract due to water dept. delay on College Ave. Project manager has requested that Lane show how this delay affects the critical path of work.

12. Project Safety:

- Traffic has been running smoothly during construction

13. Utility Issues:

- Water Dept. is doing a water main repair on College Ave.
- Bangor Gas has repair to do by Spencer St. on Rte. 2. A 2" gas line had been previously bored through our closed drainage pipe. Repair is scheduled for 6/24/15.

14. Environmental Issues:

15. Project Deliveries & Stockpiled materials on Site:

I have attempted to **summarize** the meeting as accurately as possible. If you feel that any of the items discussed are misrepresented in any way, please contact me within ten working days. In the absence of any corrections or clarifications it will be understood that these minutes accurately summarize our discussions. If you have any further questions or concerns please don't hesitate to call.

Submitted by

Joe Graham
Project's Resident Inspector

Date: _____

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Legislative Update from Senator Jim Dill

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Veazie, Woodville, and part of North Penobscot Unorganized Territory.*



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Dear Mark,

Happy Summer! Summer officially arrived earlier this week and I'm sure most of us couldn't be happier!

The Legislature is days away from completing its work and adjourning for the year. I've included an update below as well as some highlights on some of the work that has been important to me.

With a little over a week until Fourth of July, I've included some links to area activities and parades. Hope you can take a look.

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jim Dill".



Legislature Wraps Up its Work

On Wednesday, June 24th at 1:00 a.m. the Legislature adjourned--having completed most of its work.

We will be returning on **Tuesday, June 30th** to vote on the expected veto by Gov. LePage of the bipartisan budget. This is an important final step because a budget has to be in place for the start of our fiscal year, July 1st in order to prevent a shutdown of state government.

To date, lawmakers from both sides of the aisle have been working collaboratively to uphold the integrity of our work and overriding nearly all of the governor's vetoes. I'm confident that the budget will be no different, and we will

garner the required two-thirds necessary to stand up for the bipartisan budget and reject another veto.

During the June 30th session, we will have a handful of other matters to consider as well, including about 20 bills that are still being considered. At the conclusion of this day, we will be one step away from adjourning "sine die" for the First Regular Session of the 127th Legislature. Our final step will be in mid-July, when we reconvene to vote on the dozens of vetoes issued by Gov. LePage.

Fourth of July Celebrations

In just over a week, we will be celebrating our country's Independence Day. On July 4 we commemorate the adoption of the Declaration of Independence, a document that has since become our nation's most cherished symbol of liberty.



It was on July 4, 1776, that members of the Second Continental Congress, meeting in Philadelphia, adopted the final version of the Declaration of Independence. This document, crafted by Thomas Jefferson and signed by 56 men representing the 13 colonies, officially announced the colonies' independence from Great Britain.

Throughout Maine we will be celebrating our national pride accordingly with spectacular fireworks displays, barbecues, concerts, parades, and more.

Millinocket: The Katahdin Area Chamber of Commerce will hold the 2nd annual Pancake Breakfast in Veteran's Memorial Park from 8:00am to 10:00am. The cost is \$6.00 per person for pancakes, bacon, coffee and more.

Bangor - The annual Bangor Independence Day celebration starts on July 4th, 2015 with a pancake breakfast at the Brewer Auditorium from 6 a.m. until 10 a.m. This is followed by a parade starting at 11 a.m. that works its way from Brewer, across the Penobscot River to Bangor. Festivities, including a free concert, continue on the Bangor Waterfront from 2 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., culminating with fireworks over the Penobscot River.

The \$38 Million "and" is fixed

This week, both the House and Senate voted unanimously to override the Governor's veto of a bill to fix a typo in Efficiency Maine's funding. This was a drafting error that would have cost Mainers \$38 million in energy efficiency rebates and low-interest loans. I'm glad that we found a way to all work together to fix such an important program for Maine people.

Efficiency Maine is praised by lawmakers on both sides of the aisle as a model program for reducing energy costs for homeowners and businesses. Track records show that for every dollar that Efficiency Maine invests, \$7 is generated in savings for Maine energy consumers. Efficiency Maine has helped thousands of Maine families weatherize their homes, update their heating systems, and turn us on to energy efficient lightbulbs. Moreover, they do so in a way that allows an opportunity for savings and incentive--from their rebate program to their low-interest loans.

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Maine Department of Transportation
Highway Program

June 30th, 2015

Re: *MDOT projects # 20374.00 Rte. 2, 20375.00 College Ave.,
20390.00 Kelley Rd., 20391.00 Bennoch Rd.
Orono, Old Town, and Veazie, Maine*

Weekly Progress Meeting

Dear Sir/Madam,

This is my understanding of items discussed at our weekly progress meeting held on Tuesday, *June 30th, 2015* at Orono field office in Orono.

The following were present: *See Attendance Sheet*

1. Progress since last meeting:

- Remove sidewalk on Bennoch Rd.
- Removed Curb on College Ave.
- Finishing Removing Pavement Surface on Bennoch Rd.
- Mill repair area on Rte. 2
- Finish removing excavation on Bennoch Rd.
- Place Bituminous curb on College Ave.
- Finish crack repair on Rte. 2. & on College Ave.
- Placed slipform Curb on Bennoch Rd.
- Paving sidewalk in front of post office on Bennoch Rd.

2. Expected activities before next meeting:

- Backing up curb on Bennoch Rd.
- Start shim on Rte. 2
- Place Curb on Bennoch Rd.
- Adjust and alter catch basins on Bennoch Rd.
- Spot shim on Bennoch Rd.

3. Contractor's Schedule of Work:

- Received an updated schedule on 6/18/15
- On schedule

4. Payment Progress:

- Estimate # 2 was to be processed Friday June 26, 2015.
- Estimate # 3 will be processed Thursday July 2, 2015.
- Estimates will be processed every week when HMA is placed.

5. Field Observations:

- Some potholes have appeared on Bennoch Rd. under the 7 day window so State will pay to have them patched in.
- Additional work to be done to sidewalk on Bennoch Rd. to be done to back up curb between 22+50 – 24+50 on Rt.
- The town of Orono was pleased with the work Lane has been doing so far and the communication level as well.

6. Anticipated Traffic Delays or Related Issues:

- We have been using some no parking signs that we will utilize when necessary. Town told us the signs need to be put up 24 hours in advance of work to be legal to tow vehicles away.

7. Working Drawings Submittals:

8. Updates to Pre-construction submittals:

- Still waiting for approved Buy America for truncated domes.

9. Change Orders, RFI's, Correspondence:

Change Orders:

- Contract Mod. #3 has been written and waiting for Lane's signature for adding slipform curb – sloped to Bennoch Rd.
- Contract Mod. #4 has been written and waiting for Lane's signature for adding a new Catch Basin Type F4-C on Rte. 2

RFI's:

Correspondence:

10. Project Control Log:

None

11. Issues, Disputes, Claims, Concerns and Resolutions:

Claims:

- No claims at this time

Issues:

Concerns:

- Lane has a concern that the additional work added to the sidewalk on Bennoch Rd. won't allow them to pave in the road within their 7 day window.

12. Project Safety:

- Traffic has been running smoothly during construction

13. Utility Issues:

- Water Dept. has completed doing a water main repair on College Ave. scheduled to finish paving in this week. The repair was done in a super elevated section and the water Dept. graded it back in flat. So Ed talked to Boyd from the Water Dept. and discussed if it took a lot of additional mix through there the Dept. would have to pay for the extra HMA.
- Bangor Gas has repair to do by Spencer St. on Rte. 2. A 2" gas line had been previously bored through our closed drainage pipe. Repair is scheduled for 6/30/15.
- Few water gates on Bennoch Rd. sidewalk that may need to be adjusted.
- Fairpoint was told not to raise manholes on College Ave. until after shim was put on to get proper elevation for their manholes.

14. Environmental Issues: None

15. Project Deliveries & Stockpiled materials on Site:

Submitted by

Joe Graham
Project's Resident Inspector

Weekly Progress Meeting

Date: _____

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June 30, 2015 Legislative Update from
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Maine Unemployment Rate 4.7 Percent in May

Seasonally Adjusted Statewide Data

Household Survey Estimates – The preliminary seasonally
adjusted unemployment rate of 4.7 percent for May was unchanged
from April and down from 5.7 percent one year ago. The number of
unemployed declined 7,800 over the year to 32,200.

The employment to population ratio estimate of 60.3 percent
remained above the U.S. average (59.4 percent) for the 92nd
consecutive month.

The U.S. preliminary unemployment rate of 5.5 percent was little
changed from 5.4 percent in April and down from 6.3 percent one
year ago. The New England unemployment rate averaged 4.9

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percent. Rates for other states were 3.8 percent in New Hampshire, 3.6 percent in Vermont, 4.6 percent in Massachusetts, 5.9 percent in Rhode Island, and 6.0 percent in Connecticut.

Labor force and unemployment data is available [here](#).

To view the full related news release, click [here](#).

Take Appropriate Precautions When Visiting Beaches, Lakes, and Pools This Summer

With summer's arrival, Maine's lakes, rivers, beaches, and pools will be in full use.

Recreational water illnesses (RWIs), drowning, and sunburn are leading public health areas of concern during the summer months.

Furthermore, contamination of recreational water due to poor swimmer hygiene threatens health. Even when the levels of chlorine and other pool water treatments are well maintained, they do not kill all germs instantly, and some can linger in the water for up to 10 days.

For educational materials about healthy and safe swimming, [click here](#).

Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety

The MaineDOT strives to make bicyclists and pedestrians an integrated element of its intermodal transportation system.

Bicyclists and pedestrians are significant partners in MaineDOT's efforts, providing cost effective solutions to our State's mobility, safety, and environmental goals. Pedestrians and bicyclists should be afforded the ability to safely travel between traffic generators, such as homes, places of work, stores, schools, parks, etc. The goal of a transportation system is to provide safe and efficient mobility and access for all modes of travel, including pedestrian and bicycle travel. The MaineDOT is committed to providing a safe and efficient transportation system for all users.

To learn more, click [here](#).

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Superintendent

June 29, 2015

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To our distinguished councilors,

The Orono-Veazie Water District Board of Trustees would like to express our gratitude for your patience with this delayed response to your letters received in November 2014 and January 2015. Because these separate letters expressed similar concerns the trustees have opted to draft a single response. The board is acutely aware of the concerns expressed in your letters, and in collaboration with our new superintendent, Boyd Smith, we will work to address these issues to enhance operations at our water district.

While the board of trustees prioritized the search for a new superintendent in recent months, I am pleased to report that the district has made some progress during the transitional period. With assistance from Ron Hidu (of Woodard & Curran), who served as our acting superintendent during the search process, we solicited proposals for development of a hydraulic model and capital improvement plan for the OVWD. The board recently selected Wright-Pierce of Topsham to lead this important project. The Wright-Pierce proposal is available on the OVWD website, and the trustees are similarly committed to sharing the final report and recommendations with the public. The goal is to engage our stakeholders in the discussion of strategic planning intended to improve the quality of water delivered to our communities and the sustainability of our district. Partial financial support for this work, which is expected to be completed by the end of 2015, will be provided by a grant from the State of Maine Drinking Water Program.

Other enhancements in communication include posting of board meeting agendas and minutes on the OVWD website, and a pending reorganization/redesign of the site to support ease of use. In the near future, audio tapes of the trustee meetings will be made available online, (along with written minutes), to provide records of trustee meetings that are accessible in varied formats.

Written minutes are being recorded in more detail as the trustees make a conscious effort to support transparency and to facilitate stakeholder engagement. Public comment (and is now a regular agenda item at trustee meetings and we are working to respond to questions when they are articulated. Further, the board has agreed to maintain a list of questions posed by the public at their meetings with the goal of providing a reply for those that were not answered. Our goal is to respond to questions from the public in an accurate manner. Together, these efforts represent a mindful approach to rebuilding trust between the board, the water district, and our communities.

Based on confidentiality concerns, the public participation component of the recent superintendent search was more limited than first proposed. We are grateful however, that two of our town councilors joined the trustees to represent the public more directly in the interview process; their comments added much to our deliberations. In the end, the board was unanimous in supporting Mr. Smith's appointment as the superintendent. We believe that together we can prioritize and address critical tasks such as policy development, facility and cyber security, financial management, and strategic planning, among others.

Lastly, we are pleased to report that the trustees have identified relevant professional development opportunities that will supplement our varied skills and experience and facilitate effective collaboration in fulfilling the role of public utility trustees. Discussion will continue at our July meeting with the goal of selecting one or more workshops that will be of the greatest benefit to the board.

We invite you to join us at a future meeting of the OVWD board of trustees to hear more about our goals, and recent and ongoing efforts to enhance operations, water quality, and transparency and accountability at the Orono-Veazie Water District. As always, the trustees appreciate your interest and your continued support as we work to steward our shared community resource.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joan Perkins".

for the Orono-Veazie Water District Board of Trustees

Jason Bolton, Farahad Dastoor & Paul Smith: Orono
Ken Borneman & Joan Perkins: Veazie

2014 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

Orono-Veazie Water District

Orono, Maine
PWSID ME0091210

We're pleased to present to you our Annual Drinking Water Quality Report, also known as the Consumer Confidence Report. This report, a requirement of the 1996 amendments to the Safe Drinking Water Act, is designed to inform you about the quality water and services we deliver to you every day. Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We want you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources. We are committed to ensuring the quality of your water.

If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water system, please contact the office at telephone number 207-866-4449, fax 207-866-3570, or mailing address 47 Penobscot Street, Orono, ME 04473. We want our valued customers to be informed about their water system. If you want to learn more, please attend any of our regularly scheduled meetings. Please check our website for their specific time and location, at www.ovwd.org. The District is in the process of hiring a new Superintendent, who should be on board shortly.

WATER SOURCE

Our water is drawn from four drilled wells located in a well field to the north of 116 Bennoch Road. The water from all four is filtered and then treated with chlorine to protect against bacteriological contaminants, fluoride to promote dental health, and sodium hydroxide to reduce lead solubility from your home's plumbing. We maintain 2,285 service connections that serve a population of 8,125.

SOURCE WATER ASSESSMENT

The Maine Drinking Water Program (DWP) has evaluated all public water supplies as part of the Source Water Assessment Program (SWAP). The assessments included geology, hydrology, land uses, water testing information, and the extent of land ownership or protection by local ordinance to see how likely our drinking water source is to being contaminated by human activities in the future. Assessment results are available at public water suppliers, town offices, and the DWP. For more information about the SWAP, please contact the DWP at telephone 207-287-2070.

WATER QUALITY

The Orono-Veazie Water District routinely monitors for contaminants in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. The following table shows any detection resulting from our monitoring for the period of January 1st to December 31st, 2014.

In 2014, as a result of efforts to protect the water supply, our system was granted a 'Synthetic Organics Waiver.' This is a three-year exemption from the monitoring/reporting requirements for the following industrial chemical(s): herbicides, carbamate pesticides, toxaphene/chlordane/PCB and semivolatile organics. This waiver was granted due to the absence of these potential sources of contamination within a half-mile radius of the water source. The state of Maine Drinking Water Program grants a waiver only upon a finding that "it will not result in an unreasonable risk to health."

The sources of drinking water include rivers, lakes, ponds and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and radioactive material and can pick up substances resulting from human or animal activity. All sources of drinking water are subject to potential contamination by substances that are naturally occurring or man made. Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.

Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, can be naturally occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.

Pesticides and herbicides may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.

Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.

Radioactive contaminants can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

The table below lists all of the drinking water contaminants that were detected through our water quality monitoring and testing. The presence of contaminants in the water does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk.

TEST RESULTS Unless otherwise noted, testing was done in 2014.						
Contaminant	Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Unit Measurement	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Microbiological Contaminants						
Total Coliform Bacteria	N	0 positive	Highest monthly # of positive samples	0	1 positive	Naturally present in the environment
Radioactive Contaminants						
Radium-228 (4/3/12)	N	0.227	pCi/L	0	15	Naturally occurring radioactivity in bedrock.
Inorganic Contaminants						
Arsenic (3/28/12)	N	0.77	ppb	0	10	Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards; runoff from glass and electronics production wastes
Chromium (3/28/12)	N	0.89	ppb	100	100	Discharge from steel and pulp mills; erosion of natural deposits
Copper* (1/1/11-12/31/13)	N	0.12	ppm	1.3	AL=1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems
Fluoride (11/13/14)	N	0.6	ppm	4	4	Water additive which promotes strong teeth.
Lead* (1/1/11-12/31/13)	N	3.9	ppb	0	AL=15	Corrosion of household plumbing systems
Nitrate (12/4/14)	N	0.14	ppm	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
* = Reported results are the 90 th percentile value (the value that 90% of all samples are less than).						
Disinfection By-Products						
HAA5 [Total Haloacetic Acids] 1212 State St	N	RAA=39.3 (<5-68)	ppb	0	60	By-product of drinking water chlorination
TTHM [Total Trihalomethanes] 1212 State St	N	RAA=59.4 (43.1-59.4)	ppb	0	80	By-product of drinking water chlorination
HAA5 [Total Haloacetic Acids] UM Student Union	N	RAA=49.3 (<5-61)	ppb	0	60	By-product of drinking water chlorination
TTHM [Total Trihalomethanes] UM Student Union	N	RAA=47.3 (32.5-55.9)	ppb	0	80	By-product of drinking water chlorination

Note: The state allows us to monitor for some contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently. Not all contaminants are tested for every year due to monitoring waivers and therefore we must use the most recent round of sampling. Some of our data is more than one year old, however, is limited to no older than 5 years.

Definitions:

Action Level (AL) - The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) - is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG) - is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

Maximum Residual Disinfection Level (MRDL) - The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

Maximum Residual Disinfection Level Goal (MRDLG) - The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

MFL - million fibers per liter

Not Applicable (N/A) - Does not apply

POS - Positive Sample

Running Annual Average (RAA) - The average of all monthly or quarterly samples for the last year at all sample locations.

Treatment Technique (TT) - A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water (e.g. treatment technique for turbidity).

Variances, Exemptions, and Waivers - State or EPA permission not to meet an MCL, a treatment technique or test for a given contaminant under certain conditions.

Units:

Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU) - nephelometric turbidity unit is a measure of the clarity of water. Turbidity in excess of 5 NTU is just noticeable to the average person.

Parts per billion (ppb) or micrograms per liter (µg/L) - One part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000.

Parts per million (ppm) or milligrams per liter (mg/L) - One part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.

Picocuries per liter (pCi/L) - A measure of the radioactivity in water.

Notes:

Arsenic: The U.S. EPA adopted the new MCL standard in October 2001. Water systems must meet this new standard by January 2006.

Fluoridation: There is a target fluoride level of 0.7 mg/l and a control range of 0.5-1.2 mg/l for those systems that fluoridate water.

Gross Alpha: Action level over 5 pCi/L requires testing for Radium. Action level over 15 pCi/L requires testing for Radon and Uranium.

Lead/Copper: Action levels are measured at consumer's tap. 90% of the tests must be equal to or below the action level; therefore, the listed results above have been calculated and are listed as the 90th percentile.

Nitrate: Nitrate in drinking water at levels above 10 ppm is a health risk for infants of less than six months of age. High nitrate levels in drinking water can cause blue baby syndrome. Nitrate levels may rise quickly for short periods of time because of rainfall or agricultural activity. If you are caring for an infant you should ask advice from your health care provider.

Radon: The State of Maine adopted a Maximum Exposure Guideline (MEG) for Radon in drinking water at 4000 pCi/L, effective 1/1/07. If Radon exceeds the MEG in water, treatment is recommended. It is also advisable to test indoor air for Radon. The U.S.EPA is proposing setting federal standards for Radon in public drinking water.

Total Coliform Bacteria: Reported as the highest monthly number of positive samples, for water systems that take < 40 samples per month.

TTHM/HAA5: Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM) and Haloacetic Acids (HAA5) are formed as a by-product of drinking water chlorination. This chemical reaction occurs when chlorine combines with naturally occurring organic matter in water.

Uranium: The U.S. EPA adopted the new MCL standard of 30 ug/L(ppb), in December 2000. Water systems must meet this new standard after December 2003.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

We are required to report our Running Annual Average (RAA) for chlorine residual, since our system chlorinates its water. **Chlorine Residual** was found to be **0.433 ppm**, with a range of 0.01 ppm to 1.13 ppm.

2014 Violations

Violation Period

4/1/2014 - 6/30/2014

Violation Type

Type 27 Violation – Routine DBP monitoring sample schedule

We are required to monitor our drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring indicate whether or not our drinking water meets health standards. In 2014, second quarter samples were collected two weeks beyond the required sampling period due to conflicting paperwork notification. Samples were to be collected on May 27, 2014 rather than the actual sample date of June 11, 2014.

All drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

For most people, the health benefits of drinking plenty of water outweigh any possible health risk from these contaminants. However, some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/Center of Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and other microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. We are responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for thirty (30) seconds to two (2) minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

We, at Orono-Veazie Water District, work hard to provide top quality water to every tap. We ask that all our customers help us protect and preserve our drinking water resources, which are the heart of our community, our way of life, and our children's future. Please contact us with any questions. Thank you for working together for safe drinking water.

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Governor Signs Critical Transportation Bond Bill to Improve Infrastructure and Create Jobs

Governor Paul R. LePage signed into law L.D. 1415, *"An Act To Authorize Two General Fund Bond Issues To Improve Highways, Bridges, and Multimodal Facilities,"* which authorizes an \$85 million bond package for transportation projects that will improve infrastructure, promote economic development, and create jobs in the State of Maine.

The Governor signed the bond bill on Wednesday, July 1, and voters will consider approving the measure in November.

The bond ensures safe travel for residents and tourists alike.

Investments include \$17 million to construct, reconstruct, or rehabilitate high-priority highways; \$46 million for bridge replacements and rehabilitation; and \$17 million for ports, harbors, marine transportation, aviation, transit, and freight and passenger rail.

Furthermore, this bond package strengthens improvements to the International Marine Terminal in Portland to support the new transatlantic shipping line (Eimskip) recently established in Maine's largest city. This international connection benefits core Maine industries like fishing, agriculture, and forest products.



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Any-Deer Permit Applications Now Available

Applications for 2015 any-deer (antlerless) permit lottery are now available online from the [Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife](#) (IF&W). Online applications are due by 11:59 P.M. on August 17, 2015. Paper applications may be submitted in person or by mail no later than 5 P.M. on July 27, 2015. To apply online, visit www.mefishwildlife.com. The Department no longer mails paper applications.

It is free to apply for the any-deer permit lottery. The drawing will be held on September 9, 2015 and results will be posted on the Department's Web site. The Department uses the any-deer permit system to manage the white-tailed deer population in the State. By controlling the harvest of female deer in the 29 regional wildlife management districts (WMDs) throughout the State, biologists can manage population trends. A total of 28,770 any-deer permits will be issued in 15 of the State's 29 WMDs. This is a decrease from last year, when there were 37,185 permits available to hunters.

The permit allocation is: 7,196 for landowners, 7,196 for juniors, 398 for Superpack holders, and 13,980 for all other hunters. This past winter was of above-average severity in some parts of the State, which may have resulted in increased winter mortality rates for our over-wintering deer. Therefore, IF&W wildlife biologists have recommended decreasing the number of any-deer permits in much of the State.

The 15 WMDs where any-deer (antlerless) permits will be issued are 3, 6, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, and 29. This year, permits have been allocated to districts 3, 6, 14, and 18, as biological data collected and field observations by staff suggest that these WMDs have experienced population growth.

Deer hunting season (firearms) begins with Youth Deer Hunting Day on Saturday, October 24, 2015. Youth may take a buck statewide or an antlerless deer only in the WMDs where any-deer permits will be issued this fall. This year, Maine Residents Only Day is on Saturday, October 31, 2015, and regular firearms season for deer runs November 2 through November 28, 2015.

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Maine State Archives Sponsoring Magna Carta Exhibit at Maine Historical Society



In commemoration of the 800th anniversary of the granting of Magna Carta, the Maine State Archives and Maine Department of the Secretary of State are sponsoring a traveling exhibit focused on this historic document's role in the formation of democratic government.

"Magna Carta: Enduring Legacy, 1215-2015" is produced by the American Bar Association and Library of Congress, and features images of objects from Library of Congress collections that illustrate the Magna Carta's influence throughout the centuries and explain the document's storied history.

This exhibit will be hosted by the Maine Historical Society, 489 Congress St., Portland, from June 30 through July 12. It will be open to the public during regular museum hours and is included in regular museum admission.

The Maine State Archives is sponsoring the Magna Carta exhibit as a highlighted event during the annual summer conference of the National Association of Secretaries of State, which is taking place in Portland from July 9-12. On Thursday, July 9, at 3:30 p.m., visiting secretaries will visit the Maine Historical Society to view not only the Magna Carta exhibit, but also the society's "Pursuit of Liberty: The Search for Compromise in the Declaration of Independence" exhibit, which features a rare Dunlap broadside of the Declaration of Independence.

About the American Bar Association

With nearly 400,000 members, the American Bar Association (ABA) is one of the largest voluntary professional membership organizations in the world. As the national voice of the legal profession, the ABA works to improve the administration of justice, promotes programs that assist lawyers and judges in their work,

accredits law schools, provides continuing legal education, and works to build public understanding around the world of the importance of the rule of law.

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