



Veazie Town Council

Regular Meeting

October 19, 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 September 28th Regular Council Meeting/Public Hearing Minutes
- ITEM 6:** Comments from the Public

New Business:

- ITEM 7:** Local Health Officer Re-Appointment
- ITEM 8:** Generate questions for Nov. 9th meeting with the Sewer District
- ITEM 9:** Poverty Abatement – Executive Session 1 M.R.S.A. 405(6)(F)
- ITEM 10:** Municipal phone services contract

Old Business:

- ITEM 11:** Mutton Lane Discussion
- ITEM 12:** Manager's Report
- ITEM 13:** Comments from the Public
- ITEM 14:** Requests for information and Town Council Comments
- ITEM 15:** Review & Sign of AP Town Warrant #7 and Town Payroll #7 & #8, School Payroll Warrant #8 and AP School Warrant #8.
- ITEM 16:** Adjournment

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5 Prouty Dr
947-9624

Chris Bagley
16 Silver Ridge
cbagley@veazie.net

Robert Rice
1116 Buck Hill Dr
942-3064

Karen Walker
1002 Mutton Ln
947-0458

David King
1081 Main St
942-2376

Agenda Items For October 19, 2015 Council Meeting

ITEM 7: Staff has been notified that Manager Leonard needs to be re-appointed as the Town's Local Health Officer. Training needed to occur before this re-appointment could occur and the training was completed by Manager Leonard on October 2, 2015. It would be staff's recommendation that the Council re-appoint Manager Leonard as the Town's Local Health Officer for a 3 year term. The term would expire 01-01-2019

ITEM 8: In preparation for the meeting between the Council and the Sewer District Board of Trustees a list of question for them need to be generated. Once generated these will be forward to the District Superintendent and ask that the answers be returned prior to the November 9, 2015 Council Meeting

ITEM 9: This agenda item will be held in executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA 405 (6) (F) to discuss confidential records. A resident of the Town of Veazie is requesting a poverty abatement for their 2014 taxes. All necessary paperwork has been completed by Staff and will be made available for review.

ITEM 10: The municipal phone service contract is set to expire 10-23-2015. Currently this service is provided by OTT Communications and has been in place for the past 3 years. Staff met with OTT Communication's Staff and generated a new contract. We currently pay \$246.60 plus surcharges per month. With the installation of the new phone system the contract for services to meet the needs of the system would increase to \$364.50 plus surcharges for 3 years or \$334.50 for 5 years of service. Staff would recommend the 5 years of service contract and would request Authorization for the Town Manager to enter into this contract with OTT Communications.

ITEM 11: Town Attorney Russell has prepared a memorandum to discuss a long standing issue involving Mutton Lane and the maintenance of it. This memorandum and associated attachments will be discussed by Attorney Russell. If it is determined that the Town is going to perform maintenance on the road, per Attorney Russell's memorandum, estimates have been obtained. It would be Staff's recommendation that the cost of the project not solely be the responsibility of the Town and that it be split amongst the abutters as described in the memorandum. Abutters have been provided with the information that will be discussed and they have been requested to attend the meeting or provide comments to Staff. Staff has received no written comments.

Veazie Town Council Meeting
September 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, Water District Supt. Boyd Smith, Veazie School Superintendent Matt Cyr, Community Center Redevelopment Committee Chair Don MacKay, Orono Parks & Rec. director Mitch Stone, Orono Public Library Director Laurie Carpenter, Gabriel Spear from College Pro Painter, Alec Bunnell from Collegiate Painting Services and various members of the public.

Members Absent:
None

ITEM 1: Call to order
Chairman Tammy Perry called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

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

ITEM 3: Pledge of Allegiance

ITEM 4: Consideration of the Agenda
Manager Leonard wanted to postpone #13 to a later meeting and Councilor Rice wanted to add #8A to discuss upcoming council meeting dates.

ITEM 5: Approval of the August 10th Regular Council Meeting Minutes
Councilor Robert Rice made a motion, seconded by Councilor David King to approve the September 14th, 2015 regular Council Meeting Minutes as written. Voted 4-0-0. Councilor Chris Bagley abstained. Motion carried.

ITEM 6: Comments from the public
None

New Business:

ITEM 7: Public Hearing on General Assistance Ordinance
Councilor Chris Bagley made a motion, seconded by Councilor Karen Walker to open the Public Hearing for discussion on the General Assistance Ordinance. Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried.

Councilor David King made a motion, seconded by Councilor Karen Walker to exit the Public Hearing discussion on the General Assistance Ordinance. Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried.

ITEM 8: Approval of General Assistance Ordinance
Councilor Robert Rice made a motion, seconded by Councilor David King to state that the municipality of Veazie adopts the Maine Municipal Association's model General Assistance Ordinances Appendices A-C-D for the period of October 1, 2015 to September 30, 2016 Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried.

ITEM 8A: Discussion of upcoming Council Meetings
Councilor Robert Rice made a motion, seconded by Councilor Karen Walker to propose that the final three Council Meetings of the year barring unforeseen circumstances, be held on Monday, October 19th, Monday, November 9th & Monday, December 14th. Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried.

ITEM 9: Water District Superintendent
Supt. Boyd Smith updated the Council and answered their questions. The district is waiting on Wright & Pierce for updated results. They are having a meeting on October 13th at 7:00pm in the Orono Council Chambers which all are invited to. Mr. Smith will provide the Council with a copy of the final report from Wright & Pierce when he receives it.

ITEM 10: Principal Matt Cyr

Mr. Cyr answered all the questions the Council had for him.

ITEM 11: Orono Parks and Rec.

Mitch Stone updated the Council on some upcoming events including the Orono-Veazie Senior Forum and Laurie Carpenter from the Orono Public Library wanted to let everyone know that they are now giving free library cards to all Veazie residents.

ITEM 12: Painting proposals for Community Center

Councilor Robert Rice made a motion, seconded by Councilor David King to accept College Pro Painters bid in the amount of \$12,599.00. Voted 4-1-0. Councilor Bagley opposed. Motion carried.

ITEM 13: Phone System Presentation

This item will be postponed until a later meeting.

Old Business:

ITEM 14: Community Center Presentation

Don MacKay discussed the Committees plans with the Council. Council requested an updated cost/plan to be discussed at a future meeting.

ITEM 15: Manager's Report

Manager Leonard reviewed his report with the Councilor's.

ITEM 16: Comments from the Public

None

ITEM 17: Requests for information and Town Council Comments

There was one comment from Councilor Rice.

ITEM 18: Review & sign of AP Town Warrant #6, and Town Payroll #6, School Payroll Warrant #7 and AP School Warrant #7.

The warrants were circulated and signed.

ITEM 19: Adjournment

Councilor David King motioned to adjourn

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

Adjourned at 9:03pm

A True Copy Attest

Julie Strout, Deputy Clerk

Letter of Transmittal



ITEM # 7

Date: September 21, 2015
RE: Lapse in LHO Appointment and Certification Status

To: Mark Leonard
Address: 1084 Main St
Veazie, Maine 04401

From: Judy H. Gopaul, J.D., MPPM
Maine CDC/Division of Infectious Disease
11 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333-0011
Email: Judy.Gopaul@Maine.Gov
Phone: 207-287-4397
Fax: 207-287-6865

As the town's Local Health Officer you must:

1. Be currently appointed by your town(s). Appointments are for a three-year term.
2. Provide proof of your town's appointment by emailing a copy of your Appointment Letter to Maine CDC at judy.gopaul@maine.gov
3. Be certified. Certification is for a three-year term. Complete and submit the LHO Core Online Training by December 15, 2015
<http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/infectious-disease/lho/core-training.shtml>

NOTE: If the core training is not completed by the due date of December 15, 2015 then the State will notify the Board of Selectpersons.

Maine CDC Records show:

LHO: Mark Leonard	Municipality: Veazie	District: Penquis Penquis
Date of Appointment: 1/1/2013	Letter of Appointment: YES (If NO please submit a current Letter of Appointment)	
Date of Initial Training: 2/4/2014 (Recertification to be completed by December 15, 2015)		
Work Phone: 947-2781	Email: mleonard@veazie.net	

NOTE: If the contact information is CORRECT you do not have to complete the online LHO Contact Information Form.

If the information above is INCORRECT, please update your information online.

<http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/infectious-disease/lho/lho-contact-form.shtml>

CC: Jessica Fogg
Penquis District Public Health Liaisons
Phone: 207-561-4421
Jessica.fogg@maine.gov

State of Maine

Qualification Status

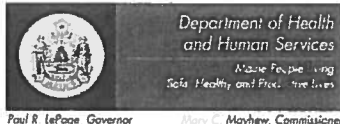


This is to acknowledge that

Mark E Leonard, Veazie, Maine

has successfully completed the Local Health Officer certification training delivered by the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention, as required by Title 22, Chapter 153, §451(2) for a term of three (3) years from the date of issue.

October 2, 2015



Paul R. LePage, Governor

Mary C. Mayhew, Commissioner

Revalidation Renewal: 10/2/2018

Kenneth Abert

Director, Maine CDC

Joseph B. Paul

State Local Health Officer Coordinator



Message

Fri, Oct 2, 2015 1:48 PM

From: judy.gopaul@maine.gov

To: **Mark Leonard**

Subject: LHO Core Training Completion

Congratulations on completing the LHO Core Training.

Please keep a copy of all acknowledgements you receive from Maine CDC and this website as part of your official records, registration and proof that you have met the statutory requirements.

This is the information you submitted:

Date Completed: October 2, 2015
Name: Mark E Leonard
Appointed: I was appointed by my town, 10/19/2015
City/Town: Veazie
County: Penobscot
Appointment Date: 01/01/2013
Address:

1084 Main Street
Veazie Me 04401

Day phone: 207-947-2781
Cell phone:
Fax: 207-942-1654
Employment: I am not a state employee
Other roles: I am employed in another role
Job titles: fire
department, town manager, Police Chief

Feedback and comments:

Information on your certificate:

Mark E Leonard, Veazie, Maine

Date of Certification: October 2, 2015

Revalidation/Renewal: 10/2/2018

If you feel you are receiving this email in error, please reply to Judy Gopaul to let her know. Thank you







Message

Thu, Oct 15, 2015 1:01 PM

From:  Tiffany Free <tiffany.free@ottcommunications.com>To:  Mark Leonard

Subject: Updated Quote

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 img001.pdf / Uploaded File 403K
 img002.pdf / Uploaded File 459K

Mark,

Attached is the updated quote. I did make a few calculation mistakes at your office, but it is still very close.

Monthly:

36 Month \$364.50 plus surcharges

60 Month \$334.50 plus surcharges

One Time Equipment and Install Fees \$4311.25

Dan and I discussed the copper lines as well.

We recommend 3 copper lines, instead of 5 lines:

947-2782 Primary Alarm Line (currently) and share as Police Dept Fax Line (new PD fax line)

942-1654 Office Fax (currently) and use as Alarm Backup line (currently 941-9384; change to use 942-1654)

947-5138 Emergency Call Box (currently 947-2781; change to use 947-5138)

Long-distance Usage:

August 9th bill \$4.35

September 9th bill \$5.69

October 9th bill \$5.97

I am working on the references and will send that over to you in a bit.

Thanks again for taking the time to meet with us, it is an important part of figuring this out so we can ensure the new system works exactly as you want it to.

Let me know about Monday night,

Tiffany

Tiffany Free

Strategic Account Manager

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866-388-6437 (fax)

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Message

Thu, Oct 15, 2015 2:42 PM

From: Tiffany Free <tiffany.free@ottcommunications.com>

To: **Mark Leonard**

Subject: Hosted PBX References

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Current Municipalities using our Hosted PBX System:

Town of Glenburn

April Braley

Tax Collector

Phone 207-942-2905 Fax 207-990-2953

Email - braleya@glenburn.net

Town of Southwest Harbor

Tabbatha M. Newenham

Finance Director

Deputy Tax Collector

Water/Sewer Administrator

207-244-1509

Other Municipalities using our Hosted PBX Service:

Town of Hooksett

Town of Cape Elizabeth

City of Caribou

Town of New Boston

Town of Limestone

Town of Fort Fairfield

Town of Readfield

Town of Waldoboro

Town of Greenbush

Town of Manchester

Town of Mechanic Falls

Town of Hollis

Town of Dixfield

Town of Lyman

Town of Hampden

Town of Solon

Town of Houlton (not installed yet –recent contract)

Tiffany Free

Strategic Account Manager

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MEMORANDUM

October 8, 2015

To: Mark Leonard
From: Tom Russell
Re: Mutton Lane

It is my understanding that there are a number of issues concerning Mutton Lane, a travelled way that traverses through the Grey Stone Mobile Home Park from State Street, and extends northerly to provide access to properties depicted on Tax Map 9 as Lots 15 (Town) and 17A (Walker), Tax Map 12, Lot 1 (Sudborough), and Tax Map 13, Lot 1 (Janicki). (Note: Portions of the Tax Map lots referenced in this Memorandum are depicted on other Tax Maps.) Mutton Lane is not a town way, as it is my understanding that it has never been accepted by the Town's legislative body as a town way. Mutton Lane is a private road or access way.

As I understand it, the issues are as follows:

1. Does the Town own the land on which the private road is located?
2. What rights do other landowners have in the private road?
3. Is the Town legally obligated to maintain the private road?
4. If the Town is not legally obligated to maintain the private road, may the Town maintain it, and if so, under what circumstances?

I have reviewed various documents and plans recorded in the Penobscot County Registry of Deeds, as well as tax maps and a copy of a "Survey Plan of a Portion of the Freeland Jones Property" dated April 9, 1988, revised January 13, 1989, which Plan was provided to me by Dick Day of Plisga & Day, Land Surveyors.

Ownership History

The property in question consists partly of property acquired by Marjorie B. Jones by a deed dated February 14, 1952, recorded in the Registry of Deeds in Book 1353, Page 275. According to an abstract of her will recorded in the Registry on November 13, 1958 in Book 1650, Page 206, the property was devised to her son, Freeland Jones. In addition, the property in question also consists partly of property conveyed by Ula A. Spencer to Freeland Jones by a deed dated May 20, 1954, recorded in the Registry in Book 1432, Page 371.

By deed dated November 1, 1976, recorded in the Registry in Book 2701, Page 158, Freeland Jones conveyed a 1.29 acre parcel of land to Richard B. Jones and Sharon G. Jones. That parcel is depicted on the Survey Plan referenced above. In addition, Freeland Jones conveyed certain rights to Richard B. Jones and Sharon G. Jones by an instrument of the same date, recorded in the Registry in Book 2701, Page 157. In particular, that instrument conveyed an access easement over and across the roadway on Freeland Jones' remaining land. The location of the easement being the location of "the existing roadway as of October 29, 1976." This property is shown on current Tax Map 12 as Lot 1, and is currently owned by Margaret Sudborough. However, see the Note below.

By deed dated December 19, 1980, recorded in the Registry in Book 3152, Page 37, Freeland Jones conveyed a 1.3 acre parcel of land to Timothy T. Jones. That parcel is also depicted on the Survey Plan referenced above. The deed also included the grant of an access easement over a roadway on Freeland Jones' remaining land for purposes of ingress and egress to and from U.S. Route No. 2 to the parcel conveyed. The location of the easement being "the location of the existing roadway as of June 20, 1980." This property is shown on current Tax Map 13 as Lot 1, and is currently owned by Mark Janicki and Lisa Janicki.

By deed dated June 1, 1988, recorded in the Registry in Book 4239, Page 227, Freeland Jones conveyed a 25.007 acre parcel of land, together with all buildings and improvements thereon, to W. Russell Edwards, Jr. That parcel is also depicted on the Survey Plan referenced above, and included the Grey Stone Mobile Home Park. The conveyance was made subject to the easements granted to Richard B. Jones and Sharon G. Jones, and to Timothy T. Jones. In addition, Freeland Jones reserved, for himself and his heirs and assigns, for the benefit of his retained land lying northerly of the parcel conveyed, a right of way in common with others entitled thereto for all residential purposes of a way over and upon the access road located on the land conveyed to W. Russell Edwards, Jr. and depicted on the Survey Plan. This right of way became an appurtenance to Freeland Jones' remaining land, and therefore runs with the land. The deed also contained a recitation that the access road leading to the retained land was the same road that was referred to in the easement deed to Richard B. Jones and Sharon G. Jones in 1976.

By deed dated November 6, 1989, recorded in the Registry in Book 4558, Page 300, Freeland Jones conveyed a 3.771 acre parcel of land to Karen Walker. The deed did not describe the property by metes and bounds, but described the property as Lot A on a Survey Plan dated August 25, 1989 showing a proposed partition of the Freeland Jones Property. That Survey Plan was recorded in the Registry in Map File C311-89. The deed also conveyed to the Grantee the

right to use, for all purposes, including ingress and egress, etc., the right of way shown on the Plan. This property is shown on current Tax Map 9 as Lot 17A, and is currently owned by Karen Walker.

Note: The C311-89 Plan contained a notation that the purpose of the Plan was to document the inter-family transfer of land as gifts, and also depicted a Lot B and a Lot C on the Plan. It appears that Lot B was intended to augment the lot previously conveyed to Richard B. Jones and Sharon G. Jones. However, my title research did not reveal any supplemental deed from Freeland Jones to Richard B. Jones and Sharon G. Jones. Furthermore, when Richard B. Jones and Sharon G. Jones conveyed their property to Margaret Sudborough by deed dated October 26, 1992, recorded in the Registry in Book 5191, Page 79, they only conveyed the original 1.29 acre parcel they acquired from Freeland Jones in 1976. I ran Margaret Sudborough in the Registry of Deeds' online indices from October 26, 1992, and did not find any conveyance of Lot B to her. Therefore, the Town's addition of Lot B to Tax Map 12, Lot 1 was incorrect, and Lot B is part of the property acquired by the Town as discussed below. Also, my title research did not reveal any deed from Freeland Jones conveying out Lot C, and it is not shown as an out lot from the portion of Map 9, Lot 15 depicted on Tax Map 12.

Town's Ownership of Tax Map 9, Lot 15

According to the "Land Title Survey-Property of Chelette Manor, LLC" prepared by Plisga & Day, dated December 16, 2009, recorded in the Registry of Deeds on April 10, 2010 in Map File No. 2010-20, depicting the Grey Stone Mobile Home Park property, the source of title for the Town's ownership of Tax Map 9, Lot 15 is a document recorded in the Registry in Book 6762, Page 47. The referenced document is a Tax Lien Certificate against Freeland Jones as a person in possession of Tax Map 9, Lot 15 as shown on the December 1989 Tax Maps prepared by the Sewall Company. The Certificate was filed to secure payment of the taxes committed on August 18, 1997, and was filed in the Registry on July 24, 1998. My online search of the indices of the Registry of Deeds indicate that said lien was never discharged or released by the Town. Accordingly, automatic foreclosure of the Tax Lien Mortgage occurred, and title to the property vested in the Town, as of January 25, 2000. As you know, the tax lien statute requires that certain notices must be provided as part of the tax lien process, and failure to follow the process can result in a defect in the tax lien. For the purposes of this Memorandum, I am assuming that all of the necessary procedures and notices were followed by the Town officials with respect to this Tax Lien. In any event, pursuant to 36 M.R.S. §946-B(2), the statute of limitations for anyone to challenge the validity of the tax lien and the Town's title to the property by virtue of the automatic foreclosure of this particular Tax Lien Mortgage expired on January 24, 2015.

In addition to the foregoing source of the Town's title to Map 9, Lot 15, my title research revealed two other undischarged Tax Lien Certificates for Map 9, Lot 15: (1) Tax Lien Certificate for taxes committed on July 25, 1994, recorded in the Registry on May 31, 1995 in Book 5866, Page 296 and (2) Tax Lien Certificate for taxes committed on August 2, 1995, recorded in the Registry on May 28, 1996 in Book 6132, Page 30. Again, for the purposes of this Memorandum, I am assuming that the Town officials also followed the tax lien procedures for those two liens, and that therefore the automatic foreclosure of the two Tax Lien Mortgages

occurred on November 30, 1996 and November 28, 1997, respectively. The statute of limitations to challenge those two liens expired November 28, 2011 and November 28, 2012, respectively.

So, the Town's title is based on three undischarged Tax Lien Mortgages, none of which may be challenged by virtue of 36 M.R.S. §946-B(2). In addition, since the rights reserved by Freeland Jones in his deed to W. Edwards Russell, Jr. to use the access road on the conveyed property for access to Mr. Jones' retained land was an appurtenance to his retained land and therefore runs with the land, the Town also acquired those access rights when it acquired the property. However, the Tax Lien Mortgage automatic foreclosures did not extinguish any easements of record that burdened the acquired property, including those easements that benefit the Sudborough, Walker or Janicki properties.

My title research also revealed a Surveyor's Certificate from Richard Day dated October 10, 1997, recorded in the Registry of Deeds on October 15, 1997 in Book 6515, Page 245, certifying that the property depicted on Tax Map 9, Lot 15 was wholly comprised of property conveyed by two deeds: (1) Warranty Deed from Austin W. Jones to Marjorie B. Jones dated February 14, 1952, recorded in the Registry of Deeds in Book 1353, Page 275 and (2) Quitclaim Deed With Covenant from Ula A. Spencer to Freeland Jones dated May 20, 1954, recorded in the Registry of Deeds in Book 1432, Page 371. Freeland Jones acquired title to the property of Marjorie B. Jones under her Will, an abstract of which was recorded in the Registry of Deeds in Book 1650, Page 206.

Note: The historical tax maps depict the current Tax Map 9, Lot 15 as Lots 15, 16 & 17 on Tax Map 9, but the Town's old property cards indicate that at some point in time the three lots were combined into one lot, Lot 15 on Tax Map 9.

Ownership of the Private Road

All of the plans that I have reviewed show that the private road extending northerly from the Grey Stone Mobile Home Park is located on the land retained by Freeland Jones after his conveyances to Richard B. Jones and Sharon G. Jones, Timothy T. Jones, W. Russell Edwards, Jr., and Karen Walker. Therefore, since the Town acquired that retained land by virtue of the three Tax Lien Mortgage automatic foreclosures as discussed above, the Town is the owner of the land underneath that private road. However, the Town's ownership is subject the easement rights conveyed by Freeland Jones to Richard B. Jones and Sharon G. Jones, Timothy T. Jones, and Karen Walker. Since those easement rights are appurtenant to, and run with, the land, the easement rights conveyed to Richard B. Jones and Sharon G. Jones are now vested in Margaret Sudborough and the easement rights conveyed to Timothy T. Jones are now vested in Mark Janicki and Lisa Janicki.

Obligations of the Town Concerning the Private Road

Under legal terminology, a property that is benefited by easement rights on the property of another is called the dominant estate, and the property that is burdened by the easement is called the servient estate. In this situation, there are three dominant estates, and the property owned by the Town is the servient estate. Under Maine law, the owner of the dominant estate

property normally has the right to undertake reasonable activities on the servient estate property to allow that owner to exercise the owner's easement rights. In this case, since the three owners have the right to use the existing private road for access to their properties, those owners have the right to maintain the private road sufficiently to provide access to their properties. The owner of the servient estate has no legal obligation to maintain the easement for the benefit of the owners of the dominant estate. However, the owner of the servient estate cannot undertake any activities in the easement area that would unreasonably interfere with the exercise of the easement rights by the owners of the dominant estates. Therefore, it is my opinion that the Town does not have any legal obligation to maintain the private road on its property.

Rights of the Town Concerning the Private Road

A. Maintenance of the Private Road for the Benefit of the Owners of the Dominant Estate Properties

Title 30-A M.R.S. §5721 provides that a "municipality may raise and appropriate money for any public purpose, including, but not limited to, the purposes specified in sections 5722 to 5728." None of the provisions contained in the cited sections authorize the expenditure of municipal funds on the maintenance of a private road.

In addition, in 1989, the Maine Legislature was considering the adoption of an Act that would have authorized municipalities, under their home rule authority, to repair, maintain, sand, salt, and remove snow from private roads. Due to concerns about the constitutionality of the proposed Act, the Legislature submitted three questions to the Supreme Judicial Court of Maine. One of the questions was: "Do the provisions of this bill allowing the use of municipal tax revenues for the purposes set out therein violate the "public purpose" limitation of the Constitution of Maine, Article IV, Part Third, Section 1?"

The Court concluded that the use of municipal tax revenues for the activities authorized by the proposed Act did violate the public purpose requirement of the Constitution. The Court found that the legislative power under Article IV, Part Third, Section 1 includes the power to tax, but only to the extent that the tax revenues are spent for public purposes. The Court concluded that the maintenance of private roads at taxpayer expense would be an unconstitutional appropriation of public funds for the benefit of private property owners. Therefore, it is not permissible for the Town to maintain Mutton Lane for the benefit of the private landowners that use that private road to access their properties.

B. Maintenance of the Private Road for a Public Purpose

Although the Town does not have the right to maintain the private road for the benefit of the three owners of the dominant estate properties, since the Town is the owner of the land on which that private road is located, it certainly has the right to make improvements to, or to maintain, the private road, as long as those activities do not unreasonably interfere with the access rights of the three dominant estate properties and the improvements or maintenance are in

furtherance of a public purpose. According to the Town's website and the Trail Map thereon, the property in question has been designated as the Buck Hill Conservation Area, and includes walking trails, a parking area, chestnut plantation, berry patch, woodcock meadow, benches, and a foot bridge that are open to the public for outdoor passive recreation. Therefore, it is my opinion that making improvements to, or maintaining, Mutton Lane for the purpose of providing public access to the Buck Hill Conservation Area would be acceptable as a public purpose. However, I hasten to add that doing so as a guise to maintain or improve Mutton Lane for the benefit of the three dominant estate properties would be unconstitutional.

CONCLUSION

The Town of Veazie is the owner of the land depicted on Tax Map 9 as Lot 15, as well as the Parcel B portion of the lot depicted on Tax Map 12 as Lot 1. Since Mutton Lane is located on the Town's property, the Town owns the land under that portion of Mutton Lane that extends northerly and easterly from Tax Map 10, Lot 6 (and the portion thereof depicted on Tax Map 9), and which serves as access to the Town owned land and the properties depicted on Tax Map 9, Lot 17A, Tax Map 12, Lot 1, and Tax Map 13, Lot 1. The Town also has a right of access over the portion of Mutton Lane that runs through the land depicted as Lot 6 on Tax Map 10 (and the portion thereof depicted on Tax Map 9).

The owners of Tax Map 9, Lot 17A, Tax Map 12, Lot 1, and Tax Map 13, Lot 1 have easements over Mutton Lane to access their properties, which easements are appurtenant to their properties and run with the land. Their easement rights include the right to undertake reasonable actions to maintain and improve Mutton Lane to adequately accommodate their rights of access.

The Town is not legally obligated to maintain Mutton Lane. In addition, it would be unconstitutional for the Town to maintain Mutton Lane for the benefit of the owners of the three dominant estate properties, as such action would violate the public purpose requirement of the Maine Constitution. It is permissible for the Town to maintain Mutton Lane for the purpose of providing public access to the Buck Hill Conservation Area, as that Area is used for public outdoor recreation activities, and enhancing access to this public facility would qualify as a public purpose. [See: 30-A M.R.S. §5723(1) and §5726(9)]

03-1400

WARRANTY DEED

GREGORY C. BLACK AND AMY C. BLACK, both of Wayne, Kennebec County, Maine, for consideration paid, grant to JAMES V. BRALEY AND SUSAN A. BRALEY, both of Veazie, Penobscot County, Maine, with WARRANTY COVENANTS, as JOINT TENANTS, the land in Veazie, Penobscot County, Maine.

A certain lot or parcel of land, with the buildings thereon, situate in Veazie, County of Penobscot, State of Maine, bounded and described as follows, to wit:

Beginning at an iron pin in the westerly line of land described in a deed from E. W. Nangle, Inc. to Maine Cement Products, Inc. dated August 27, 1934, recorded in Penobscot County Registry of Deeds in Volume 1432, Page 181 and being one thousand one hundred fifty-nine and thirty-five one hundredths (1159.35) feet northerly of the northerly abutline of U. S. Route No. 2; thence South fifty-one degrees forty-one minutes seventeen seconds West ($S 51^{\circ} 41' 17'' W$) two hundred fourteen (214) feet to an iron pin in the southeasterly corner of land described in a deed from Freeland Jones to Richard B. Jones and Sharon G. Jones dated November 1, 1976, recorded in said Registry in Volume 2701, Page 158; thence North twenty-five degrees forty-three minutes thirteen seconds West ($N 25^{\circ} 43' 13'' W$) by and along the easterly line of land of said Richard B. Jones, et al two hundred eighty-two and three tenths (282.3) feet to an iron pin in the northeasterly corner thereof; thence North fifty-one degrees forty-one minutes seventeen seconds East ($N 51^{\circ} 41' 17'' E$) one hundred sixty-eight and twenty-three one hundredths (168.23) feet to an iron pin in the westerly line of land of said Maine Cement Products, Inc.; thence South twenty-eight degrees fifty-two minutes forty-seven seconds East ($S 28^{\circ} 52' 47'' E$) by and along the westerly line of land of said Maine Cement Products, Inc. two hundred seventy-nine and twenty-nine one hundredths (279.29) feet to the point of beginning; containing one and three tenths (1.3) acres.

The above description is based on a survey entitled "Survey Plan, Veazie, Maine for Freeland Jones" prepared by Premis & Carlisle Co., Inc. dated June 3, 1976, as amended April 17, 1979.

ALSO hereby conveying the following rights, privileges and easements over and across other land of Freeland Jones described in the deed from Austin W. Jones to Marjorie B. Jones dated February 14, 1952 and recorded in Volume 1353, Page 275, said rights, privileges and easements being further described as follows:

- (1) The right, privilege and easement over, upon and across a certain roadway located on Freeland Jones' premises described in said Volume 1353, Page 275 to be used in common with Freeland Jones, his heirs and assigns, for purposes of ingress and egress to and from U. S. Route No. 2 to the above described parcel of land, the location of said right of way over said roadway being the location of the existing roadway as of June 20, 1980;
- (2) The right, privilege and easement to enter into, connect with and use the sewage system of Freeland Jones, including the right to construct, lay, maintain and replace all pipes, lines, conduits and other necessary fixtures in connection therewith and which said sewage system connects with the municipal sewer of the Town of Veazie;
- (3) The right, privilege and easement to draw and use water from the spring of Freeland Jones, including the right to construct, lay, maintain and replace all pipes, lines, conduits and other necessary fixtures in connection therewith, the location of said spring being northerly of the premises described in the deed from Freeland Jones to Richard B. Jones and Sharon G. Jones dated November 1, 1976 and recorded in the Penobscot County Registry of Deeds in Volume 2701, Page 158 and northwesterly of the above described premises and located upon land of Freeland Jones as described in said Volume 1353, Page 275.

This conveyance is made subject to the effect, if any, of the rights, privileges and easements described in the following instruments:

(1) Easement conveyed to Bangor Hydro-Electric Company by Austin Jones and Marjorie B. Jones by deed dated March 18, 1933, recorded in Volume 1395, Page 321;

(2) Pole Line Easement conveyed to New England Telephone and Telegraph Company by Austin W. Jones and Marjorie B. Jones by deed dated January 27, 1938, recorded in Volume 1610, Page 173;

(3) Rights, privileges and easements conveyed to Richard B. Jones and Sharon G. Jones by Freeland Jones by deed dated November 1, 1976, recorded in Volume 2701, Page 157;

(4) Easement conveyed to New England Telephone and Telegraph Company by Freeland Jones and Vilora A. Jones by deed dated January 18, 1977, recorded in Volume 2720, Page 225;

(5) Easement conveyed by Freeland Jones to Bangor Hydro-Electric Company by deed dated December 19, 1977 and recorded in Volume 2823, Page 48;

(6) Easement conveyed to Bangor Hydro-Electric Company by Freeland Jones by deed dated June 14, 1978 and recorded in Volume 2878, Page 340;

(7) Easement conveyed to Bangor Hydro-Electric Company by Freeland Jones by deed dated August 30, 1979 and recorded in Volume 3017, page 22;

(8) Easement granted by Timothy T. Jones and Cindy L. Jones to Bangor Hydro-Electric Company and Freeland Jones by instrument dated September 15, 1988 and recorded in said Registry of Deeds in Volume 4378, Page 178.

This conveyance is made further subject to any and all rights acquired by the State of Maine in Notice of Layout and Taking dated September 8, 1933, recorded in Volume 1075, page 357.

Being all and the same premises conveyed by Timothy T. Jones and Cindy L. Jones to Gregory C. Black and Amy C. Black, as joint tenants, by deed dated September 18, 1992 and recorded in the Penobscot Registry of Deeds in Volume 5164, Page 357.

Together with all the privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging.

WITNESS our hands and seals this
A.D. 1996.

4th day of October

Witness:

Susan N. Patrick
to wit

Gregory C. Black
Gregory C. Black

Amy C. Black
Amy C. Black

STATE OF MAINE

PENOBSCOT, ss.

October 4, 1996

Personally appeared the above named, Gregory C. Black and Amy C. Black, and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be their free act and deed.

Before me,

Susan N. Patrick
Notary Public-Army at Law
Printed Name:

Witnesses' Address:
6 Milton Lane
Venezia, Maine 04401

SUSAN N. PATRICK
Notary Public - Maine



"Maine Real Estate
Transfer Tax Paid"

PENOBSCOT, ss RECEIVED commission expires August 12, 2003

PM OCT -7 A & 21

Susan F. Bulley
REGISTER

NORTHEAST LAND TITLE
P.O. BOX 1000
Bangor, ME 04403-0000

WARRANTY DEED

JAMES V. BRALEY and SUSAN A. BRALEY both of Veazie, Penobscot County, Maine, for consideration paid, grant to MARK A. JANICKI and LISA M. JANICKI, husband and wife, both of Veazie, Penobscot County, Maine, (whose mailing address is 70 Oak Grove Street, Veazie, Maine, 04401) with WARRANTY COVENANTS, as joint tenants, the following described real estate:

Certain lots or parcels of land together with any improvements thereon situated in Veazie, Penobscot County, Maine more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at an iron pin in the westerly line of land described in a deed from R.W. Naugler, Inc. to Maine Cement Products, Inc. dated August 27, 1954, recorded in Penobscot County Registry of Deeds in Volume 1452, Page 181 and being one thousand one hundred fifty-nine and thirty-five one hundredths feet northerly of the northerly sideline of U.S. Route 2; thence South 51 degrees 41 minutes 17 seconds West two hundred fourteen feet to an iron pin in the southeasterly corner of land described in a deed from Freeland Jones to Richard B. Jones and Sharon G. Jones dated November 1, 1976, recorded in said Registry in Volume 2701, Page 158; thence North 25 degrees 43 minutes 13 seconds West by and along the easterly line of land of said Richard B. Jones, et al two hundred eighty-two and three tenths feet to an iron pin in northeasterly corner thereof; thence North 51 degrees 41 minutes seventeen seconds East one hundred ninety-eight and twenty-three one hundredths feet to an iron pin in the westerly line of land of said Maine Cement Products, Inc.; thence South 28 degrees 52 minutes 47 seconds East by and along the westerly line of land of said Maine Cement Products, Inc., two hundred seventy-nine and twenty-nine one hundredths feet to the point of beginning.

The above description is based on a survey entitled "Survey Plan, Veazie, Maine for Freeland Jones" prepared by Prentiss & Carlisle Co., Inc. dated June 3, 1976, as amended April 17, 1979.

Also hereby conveying the following rights, privileges and easements over and across other land of Freeland Jones described in the deed from Austin W. Jones to Marjorie B. Jones dated February 14, 1952 and recorded in Volume 1353, Page 275, said rights, privileges and easements being further described as follows:

1) The right, privilege and easement over, upon and across a certain roadway located on Freeland Jones' premises described in said Volume 1353, Page 275 to be used in common with Freeland Jones, his heirs and assigns, for purposes of ingress and egress to and from U.S. Route 2 to the above described parcel of land, the location of said right of way over said roadway being the location of the existing roadway as of June 20, 1980;

2) The right, privilege and easement to enter into, connect with and use the sewage system of Freeland Jones, including the right to construct, lay, maintain and replace all pipes, lines, conduits and other necessary fixtures in connection therewith and which said sewage system connects with the municipal sewer of the Town of Veazie;

3) The right, privilege and easement to draw and use water from the spring of Freeland, Jones, including the right to construct, lay, maintain and replace all pipes, lines, conduits and other necessary fixtures in connection therewith, the location of said spring being northerly of the premises described in the deed from Freeland Jones to Richard B. Jones and Sharon G. Jones dated November 1, 1976 and recorded in the Penobscot County Registry of Deeds in Volume 2701, Page 158 and northwesterly of the above described premises and located upon land of Freeland Jones as described in said Volume 1353, Page 275.

This conveyance is made subject to the effect, if any, of the rights, privileges and easements described in the following instruments:

1) Easement conveyed to Bangor Hydro-Electric Company by Austin Jones and Marjorie B. Jones by deed dated March 18, 1953, recorded in Volume 1395, Page 321;

2) Pole Line Easement conveyed to New England Telephone and Telegraph Company by Austin W. Jones and Marjorie B. Jones by deed dated January 27, 1958.

3) Rights, privileges and easements conveyed to Richard B. Jones and Sharon G. Jones by Freeland Jones by deed dated November 1, 1976, recorded in Volume 2701, Page 157;

4) Easement conveyed to New England Telephone and Telegraph Company by Freeland Jones and Vilora A. Jones by deed dated January 18, 1977, recorded in Volume 2720, Page 225;

5) Easement conveyed by Freeland Jones to Bangor Hydro-Electric Company by deed dated December 19, 1977 and recorded in Volume 2823, Page 48;

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This conveyance is made further subject to any and all rights acquired by the State of Maine in Notice of Layout

and Taking dated September 8, 1933, recorded in Volume 1075, Page 357.

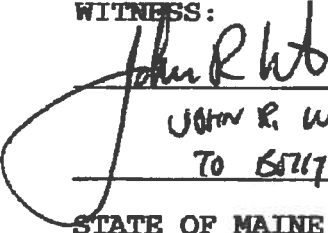
For grantors' source of title, reference may be had to a deed from Gregory C. Black and Any C. Black to the grantors herein, dated October 4, 1996, recorded in Penobscot Registry of Deeds, Volume 6240, Page 168.

Any and all other rights, easements, privileges and appurtenance belonging to the granted estate are hereby conveyed.

This conveyance is made subject to the property taxes assessed against the premises which said taxes are to be prorated between the parties hereto as of the date of delivery of this deed in accordance with 36 M.R.S.A., sec. 558.

Witness our hands and seals this 28th day of September, 2001.

WITNESS:


JOHN R. WILSON
To Esq

STATE OF MAINE
PENOBSCOT, ss


James V. Braley


Susan A. Braley

September 28, 2001

Then personally appeared the above named James V. Braley and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be his free act and deed,

Before me,

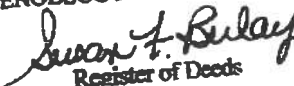
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Notary Public

JOHN R WILSON, ESQ

“Maine Real Estate
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PENOBSCOT COUNTY, MAINE


Register of Deeds

Map 9, Lot 17A

BK4558 PG300

QUITCLAIM DEED WITH COVENANT
034100

I, FRELAND JONES, of Veazie, County of Penobscot, State of Maine, for consideration paid, grant to KAREN WALKER, of Veazie, County of Penobscot, State of Maine, with QUITCLAIM COVENANT, premises situated in Veazie, Penobscot County, Maine, described as follows:

Lot A, as shown on Survey Plan showing proposed partition of the Freeland Jones Property, Veazie, Maine, dated August 25, 1989, to be recorded herewith.

There is also hereby conveyed to the Grantee, the right to use, for all purposes, including ingress and egress, and including the right to place and maintain all utility apparatus for electricity, telephone, sewer, water, and any other utility, the right of way shown on the above described plan.

Any and all other rights, easements, privileges and appurtenances belonging to the granted estate are hereby conveyed.

Being a portion of the premises conveyed to Marjorie Jones by deed of Austin W. Jones dated February 14, 1952, and recorded in the Penobscot County Registry of Deeds in Volume 1353, Page 275. Title to the subject premises is vested in the within Grantor by virtue of a will, an abstract of which is recorded in Volume 1550, Page 206 of the aforesaid registry.

This instrument constitutes an intra-family conveyance and is not subject to subdivision approval under the laws of the State of Maine.

WITNESS my hand and seal this 6th day of November, 1989.

WITNESS:

Michael L. Raiz

Freeland Jones
Freeland Jones

STATE OF MAINE
PENOBSCOT, SS.

November 6, 1989

Personally appeared the above named Freeland Jones and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be his free act and deed.

Before me, PENOBSCOT, SS REC'D
89 NOV 20 AM 10: 53

Michael L. Raiz
Notary Public/Attorney at Law
MICHAEL L. RAIZ
Printed Name
Commission Expires: _____
No Reader Fee Necessary

ATTEST:
Cynthia G. Goss, Jr.,
REGISTER

Linacott, Stelm, Goldsmith & Fair

WARRANTY DEED

FREELAND JONES, of Veazie, Penobscot County, Maine, for consideration paid, grants to W. RUSSELL EDWARDS, JR., of Peaks Island, Cumberland County, Maine, with WARRANTY COVENANTS, the land, together with all buildings and improvements thereon in Veazie, Penobscot County, Maine described on Exhibit A attached hereto.

*Grey Stone Mobile
Home Park*

Being a portion of the premises devised to Freeland Jones under the Will of Marjorie B. Jones, an abstract of which is recorded in Book 1650, Page 206 of the Penobscot County Registry of Deeds. The life estate vested in Austin W. Jones under said Will, terminated on his death on August 31, 1972.

Also being a portion of the premises conveyed to Freeland Jones by deed of Ula A. Spencer dated May 20, 1954 and recorded in Penobscot County Registry of Deeds Book 1432, Page 371, and a portion of the premises conveyed to Freeland Jones by deed of Austin W. Jones dated August 1, 1950 and recorded in the Penobscot County Registry of Deeds Book 1329, Page 390.

Any and all rights, easements, privileges and appurtenances belonging to the within-granted estate are hereby conveyed.

The Grantee's mailing address is: P.O. Box 55, Peaks Island, Maine 04108.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Freeland Jones has hereunto set his hand and seal this 1st day of June, 1988.

WITNESS:

Willard H. Linscott

Freeland Jones
FREELAND JONES

STATE OF MAINE
PENOBSCOT, ss.

June 1, 1988

Personally appeared the above-named Freeland Jones and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be his free act and deed.

Before me,

Willard H. Linscott

Name:

~~Notary Public~~

Attorney-at-Law

WILLARD H. LINSOTT

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thence continuing on the same course, South fifty-six degrees, thirty-two minutes, zero seconds West (S 56° 32' 00" W), by and along the southerly line described in the deed to Timothy T. Jones, a distance of two hundred thirteen and six tenths feet (213.6') to an iron rod found marking the southeasterly corner of land described in a deed to Richard B. Jones, recorded in said Registry, Book 2701, Page 157;

thence South fifty-six degrees, fifteen minutes, zero seconds West (S 56° 15' 00" W), by and along the southerly line described in the deed to Richard B. Jones, a distance of two hundred sixty-three and four tenths feet (263.4') to an iron rod found marking the southwesterly corner of land described in the deed from Freeland Jones to Richard B. Jones et ux, recorded November 1, 1976 and recorded in said Registry, Book 2701, Page 158;

thence South eight degrees, seven minutes, zero seconds East (S 08° 07' 00" E) a distance of four hundred twenty-eight zero tenths feet (428.0') to an iron rod set;

thence South seventy degrees, forty-two minutes, thirty seconds West (S 70° 42' 30" W) a distance of six hundred thirty-nine and one tenths feet (639.1') to an iron rod set on the westerly line of the premises described as the first parcel in the aforementioned deed to Marjorie B. Jones;

thence South twenty-four degrees, three minutes, zero seconds East (S 24° 03' 00" E) by and along the westerly line of said first parcel, a distance of nine hundred fifty-nine and six tenths feet (959.6') to an iron rod set on the northerly line of land described in a deed from Freeland Jones to Janet Tarbox dated April 2, 1979 and recorded in said Registry, Book 2963, Page 276;

thence North seventy degrees, twenty-nine minutes, forty-five seconds East (N 70° 29' 45" E) by and along the northerly line described in the deed to Tarbox, a distance of one hundred thirty-four and one tenths feet (134.1') to an iron rod set;

thence North sixty-seven degrees, eleven minutes, forty-five seconds East (N 67° 11' 45" E) a distance of two hundred ninety-seven and five tenths feet (297.5') to an iron rod set;

thence South twenty-five degrees, twenty-seven minutes, zero seconds East (S 25° 27' 00" E) a distance of one hundred thirty-three and zero tenths feet (133.0') to a point on the northerly line of State Street, which point is North twenty-five degrees, twenty-seven minutes, zero seconds West (N 25° 27' 00" W) a distance of eight and five tenths feet (8.5') from and iron rod found;

(h) an easement to Bangor Hydro-Electric Company by instrument dated October 21, 1968 and recorded in Book 2146, Page 9.

Reserving unto Freeland Jones, his heirs and assigns, for the benefit of (1) land retained by Freeland Jones lying northerly of the premises hereby conveyed, and (2) for the benefit of the 0.727 acre parcel also reserved by Freeland Jones, which parcel lies northerly of the Office located near U.S. Route 2, depicted on the Survey, a right-of-way in common with the within Grantee, his heirs and assigns, for all residential purposes of a way over and upon the paved access road depicted on the Survey, a copy of which is to be recorded in the Penobscot County Registry of Deeds. The Access Road leading to retained premises of Grantor lying northerly of the premises hereby conveyed, is the same referred to in the deed of Freeland Jones to Richard B. Jones et ux dated November 1, 1976 and recorded in Book 2701, Page 158.

Also reserving a right-of-way, for all residential purposes of a way, in common with the within Grantee, his heirs and assigns, for the benefit of the aforesaid 0.727 acre parcel, over the driveway depicted on the survey running northeasterly from the Paved Access Road.

It is expressly understood that Grantor's reservations of rights-of-way shall not extend to other roads and ways located on the premises hereby conveyed, nor does the within-grantor reserve any rights in the driveway lying easterly of the Office depicted on the Survey running from Route 2 to the 0.727 acre house lot reserved by Freeland Jones.

Also reserving unto Freeland Jones, his heirs or assigns, the rights in common with the within Grantee, his heirs or assigns to connect with, utilize and maintain existing sewer, electrical and telephone lines crossing the premises hereby conveyed for residential purposes for the benefit of (1) the house lot retained by Freeland Jones (0.727 acres) and (2) for the benefit of the premises retained by Freeland Jones, lying northerly of the land hereby conveyed. Subject, however to the following terms and conditions, which shall be binding on Freeland Jones, his heirs and assigns:

(1) Such rights to connect with such utility lines shall be limited to residential uses of the real estate reserved by Freeland Jones, unless written consent to such connection for another permitted use is first obtained from W. Russell Edwards, Jr., his heirs or assigns, owning all or any portion of the premises burdened by the easements hereby reserved.

(2) Any easements reserved hereby shall also terminate in the event of non-use of any such easements, and in such events, Freeland Jones, his heirs or assigns, shall deliver to W. Russell Edwards, Jr., his heirs or assigns an

the well. Freeland Jones, his heirs or assigns, shall bear the costs of all repairs, maintenance and replacement of the water lines serving the aforesaid houses. The Grantor's rights to exercise the well easements hereby reserved are expressly conditioned on the Grantor's obligation to pay W. Russell Edwards, Jr., or the succeeding owner of the well, for water to the respective houses served by this easement, at rates commensurate with those then charged periodically by the Orono/Veazie Water Company, or its successor for houses of similar bedroom capacity.

ALSO GRANTING the rights to utilize, repair and maintain all utility lines, including water, sewer, electrical and telephone presently serving the within-conveyed premises which on the date of this deed lie over, under or upon the premises retained by the Grantor. Provided, however, that all construction, maintenance, repairs, replacements and any other work on the premises of Grantor shall be completed promptly, after reasonable notice to Grantor, his successors or assigns. After completion of all such work, the premises shall be returned to the condition they were in prior to any such work on the easement lines.

ALSO GRANTING the right and easement, at any and all times, to take sufficient water from the Pond depicted on the Survey, located on land retained by Freeland Jones, for fire-fighting purposes by the Grantee, his heirs or assigns, for the mobile home court on the premises hereby conveyed, as such facility may be expanded, including the rights to enter upon the premises and to lay and maintain a water pipeline from the premises hereby conveyed to the Pond. Installation of a pipeline and its appurtenances on the Grantor's premises shall be made at locations and in a manner approved by Grantor, his heirs or assigns, such approval not to be unreasonably withheld. After completion of all construction and maintenance of the pipeline, the premises of Grantor shall be returned to the condition they were in prior to any such work on the water line.

3K5866 PG296

STATE OF MAINE

011679

000349

TAX LIEN CERTIFICATE

TO: JONES, FREELAND
1448 STATE ST

VEAZIE ME 04401-7003

Tax liens

I, WILLIAM B. REED, COLLECTOR OF TAXES FOR THE
VEAZIE, A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION LOCATED IN THE
COUNTY OF PENOBSCOT, STATE OF MAINE, HEREBY GIVE YOU NOTICE
THAT A TAX IN THE AMOUNT OF \$380.56 HAS BEEN ASSESSED,
AND WAS COMMITTED TO ME FOR COLLECTION ON JULY 25, 1994,
AGAINST REAL ESTATE IN SAID VEAZIE,
AND AGAINST JONES, FREELAND
AS OWNER(S) THEREOF, SAID REAL ESTATE BEING DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

REAL ESTATE LOCATED AT STATE ST AREA

PENOBSCOT REGISTRY OF DEEDS REFERENCE:

MAP AND LOT DESCRIPTION:

09 15

MAP AND LOT NUMBERS REFER TO SUCH NUMBERS AS FOUND ON TAX
MAPS OF THE VEAZIE, PREPARED BY:
SEWALL COMPANY
AND DATED DECEMBER 1989, ON FILE AT VEAZIE
MUNICIPAL OFFICES

I GIVE YOU FURTHER NOTICE THAT SAID TAX, TOGETHER WITH
INTEREST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25.58, WHICH HAS BEEN ADDED TO AND
HAS BECOME A PART OF SAID TAX, REMAINS UNPAID; THAT A LIEN IS
CLAIMED ON SAID REAL ESTATE, ABOVE DESCRIBED, TO SECURE THE PAYMENT
OF THE SAID TAX; THAT PROPER DEMAND FOR PAYMENT OF SAID TAX HAS
BEEN MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH TITLE 36, SECTION 942, REVISED
STATUTES OF 1964, AS AMENDED.

COSTS TO BE PAID BY TAXPAYER:

FILING FEE, RECORDING AND	
DISCHARGING LIEN:	\$29.00
DEMAND FEES.....	\$5.52
CERTIFIED MAIL...	\$0.00
PRINCIPAL.....	\$380.56
INTEREST.....	\$25.58

---TOTAL--- \$440.66

William B. Reed
WILLIAM B. REED
COLLECTOR OF TAXES
VEAZIE

PENOBSCOT, SS. STATE OF MAINE VEAZIE. MAINE MAY 31. 1995

PENOBSCOT ss RECEIVED

THEN PERSONALLY APPEARED THE ABOVE NAMED WILLIAM B. REED,
COLLECTOR OF TAXES, AND ACKNOWLEDGED THE FOREGOING INSTRUMENT
TO BE HIS FREE ACT AND DEED IN HIS SAID CAPACITY. 1995 MAY 31 P 2:17

BEFORE ME, *Guy L. Downing*
GUYLA L. DOWNING
NOTARY PUBLIC

Susan F. Bulley
REGISTER

BK6132 PG030

STATE OF MAINE
016516

000349

TAX LIEN CERTIFICATE

TO: JONES, FREELAND
1448 STATE ST

VEAZIE ME 04401-7003

I, WILLIAM B. REED, COLLECTOR OF TAXES FOR THE TOWN OF VEAZIE, A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OF PENOBSCOT, STATE OF MAINE, HEREBY GIVE YOU NOTICE THAT A TAX IN THE AMOUNT OF \$380.56 HAS BEEN ASSESSED, AND WAS COMMITTED TO ME FOR COLLECTION ON AUGUST 02, 1995, AGAINST REAL ESTATE IN SAID TOWN OF VEAZIE, AND AGAINST JONES, FREELAND AS OWNER(S) THEREOF, SAID REAL ESTATE BEING DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

REAL ESTATE LOCATED AT STATE ST AREA

PENOBSCOT REGISTRY OF DEEDS REFERENCE:


MAP AND LOT DESCRIPTION: 09 15

MAP AND LOT NUMBERS REFER TO SUCH NUMBERS AS FOUND ON TAX MAPS OF THE TOWN OF VEAZIE, PREPARED BY: SEWALL COMPANY AND DATED DECEMBER 1989, ON FILE AT TOWN OF VEAZIE MUNICIPAL OFFICES

I GIVE YOU FURTHER NOTICE THAT SAID TAX, TOGETHER WITH INTEREST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$27.16, WHICH HAS BEEN ADDED TO AND HAS BECOME A PART OF SAID TAX, REMAINS UNPAID; THAT A LIEN IS CLAIMED ON SAID REAL ESTATE, ABOVE DESCRIBED, TO SECURE THE PAYMENT OF THE SAID TAX; THAT PROPER DEMAND FOR PAYMENT OF SAID TAX HAS BEEN MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH TITLE 36, SECTION 942, REVISED STATUTES OF 1964, AS AMENDED.

COSTS TO BE PAID BY TAXPAYER:

FILING FEE, RECORDING AND DISCHARGING LIEN:	\$29.00
DEMAND FEES.....	\$5.52
CERTIFIED MAIL...	\$2.52
PRINCIPAL.....	\$380.56
INTEREST.....	\$27.16
---TOTAL---	\$444.76


WILLIAM B. REED
COLLECTOR OF TAXES
TOWN OF VEAZIE

PENOBSCOT, SS RECEIVED
1996 MAY 28 P 2:46

Susan F. Babcock
REGISTER

PENOBSCOT, SS. STATE OF MAINE VEAZIE, MAINE MAY 28, 1996

THEN PERSONALLY APPEARED THE ABOVE NAMED WILLIAM B. REED, COLLECTOR OF TAXES, AND ACKNOWLEDGED THE FOREGOING INSTRUMENT TO BE HIS FREE ACT AND DEED IN HIS SAID CAPACITY.

BEFORE ME, Kelly M. Carr exp. 6-3-00
KELLY M. CARR
NOTARY PUBLIC

TAX LIEN CERTIFICATE

TO: JONES, FREELAND
AS PERSON-IN-POSSESSION
1448 STATE ST
VEAZIE ME 04401-7003

I, WILLIAM B. REED, COLLECTOR OF TAXES FOR THE TOWN OF VEAZIE, A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OF PENOBSCOT, STATE OF MAINE, HEREBY GIVE YOU NOTICE THAT A TAX IN THE AMOUNT OF \$527.96 HAS BEEN ASSESSED AND COMMITTED TO ME FOR COLLECTION ON AUGUST 18, 1997, AGAINST REAL ESTATE IN SAID TOWN OF VEAZIE, AND AGAINST JONES, FREELAND AS OWNER(S) THEREOF, SAID REAL ESTATE BEING DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

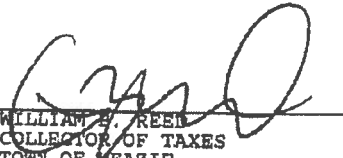
REAL ESTATE LOCATED AT STATE ST AREA

PENOBSCOT REGISTRY OF DEEDS REFERENCE:

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MAP AND LOT NUMBERS REFER TO SUCH NUMBERS AS FOUND ON TAX MAPS OF THE TOWN OF VEAZIE, PREPARED BY:
SEWALL COMPANY
AND DATED DECEMBER 1989, ON FILE AT TOWN OF VEAZIE MUNICIPAL OFFICES

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PRINCIPAL..... \$527.96
INTEREST..... \$45.58
---TOTAL--- \$610.83


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TOWN OF VEAZIE

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Manager's Report For October 19, 2015 Council Meeting

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

I've met with Judy Doore from Maine Municipal Association and provided her with requested contract information. This is part of a yearly review of records for insurance purposes.

I've met with and approved a new call firefighter to move forward in the hiring process. The candidate comes to Veazie with past firefighting experience and is in the final stages of being licensed as an emergency medical technician.

We have started the weight loss challenge with the school. This was an idea that Principal Cyr came up with during one of our meetings. The purpose is to bring the two (2) departments together while also making staff members healthier.

I've been meeting with the contractor doing the work at the community center. The job is proceeding along well. This work along with the recent approval by the Council to paint the building will make a great improvement to the appearance of the building.

I took Principal Cyr to meet the Plant Manager at Dynegy. Manager Ahern provided Principal Cyr and myself a tour of the plant. Principal Cyr will be in future discussions with Manager Ahern to have the Veazie Community School children participate in field trips.

I've been working with a few of the teachers at the School so that the Student Council can hold a Halloween event at the school similar to what the recreation department use to host.

Captain Metcalf and I met with Ray Corson from Corson GIS to review a GIS product that he has and his desire to implement public safety into the program. He will return at a later date with additional information to present.

I was contacted by Naleen Mayberry from Wright and Pierce requesting the Town of Veazie's Comprehensive plan as she was working on the project involving Orono-Veazie Water District. Our current plan was sent to her for review.

Spoke with a homeowner of Riverview Street that was concerned with the amount of water that was coming toward his home now since the road surface has been removed. It was explained that new surface will be going down and the water issue should be resolved at that time. If not we would then have to look at other ways to divert the water. The contractor was made aware of the concern and will look at solutions.

Manager's Report For October 19, 2015 Council Meeting

I have viewed and spoke with Laura Rose Day reference the recent damage caused by the large amount of rain that was received. Her and her staff have viewed the sight and have determined that the damage was caused by the sewer system being overwhelmed by the rain. They are in discussions with the sewer district on finding a solution so this does not occur again.

I completed my local health officer training. This is required every three years. I will be requesting the Council appoint me at the October 19th Council meeting. My last appointment was on 01-01-2013.

I have met with Mitch Stone reference the upcoming senior forum presentation. During our meeting we discussed talking points for this event. We also discussed numerous other recreation related topics

I attended the October 5th School Committee meeting. Supt. Heather Wilmot from Wiscasset School Department was the guest speaker. Her presentation was on Securing Stakeholder Support for Transformative Change in Educational Planning.

The preparation of the Community Center for painting has begun. The contractor is in hopes to have the prep work completed by Wednesday and then will begin the painting process.

I attended the Senior Forum both at the Town of Orono and then at the Senior Center here in Town. In Orono approximately 22 people participated and in Veazie we had 2. A lot of information was gathered at both meeting. We will be putting the data together to present to Council at a later date.

I attended the Bangor Area Storm water meeting that was held in Orono. The beginning of the meeting was a normal business meeting. The second half of the meeting was a presentation by Pulse Marketing who has been hired as a consulting firm to assist with public outreach and education.

I attended the Chambers after Hours event at Franks Bakery in Bangor. The event was well attended and I was able to speak with old and new business partners from around the area.

I attended a lunch and learn series at the Chamber of Commerce on employee wellness. The speakers were from the Bangor Y.

Captain Metcalf attended the press conference that was held at the Bangor Fire Department to highlight fire prevention week. The event was well attended. Captain Metcalf was in the Veazie Community School this week talking about fire prevention as well as himself and FF Long gave tours for (2) classes at the fire station.

Manager's Report

For October 19, 2015

Council Meeting

I attended training in Augusta to familiarize myself with a new sign board/ radar trailer that was purchased by the Bureau of Highway Safety. Numerous trailers were purchased for the entire State of Maine and Veazie was chosen to house the unit for this area. It will be made available for other communities to use upon request. Once login information is received the unit will be put into service.

I attended the first day of the Crime Scene Investigation (CSI) class that the police department participates in each year with the 7th grade students at the Veazie Community School.

I attended the Police Department Staff meeting. A representative from AFLAC was in to speak to the participants. Numerous other items were discussed following the AFLAC presentation.

As paving nears completion I have met with the line stripping company and showed them the areas that need to be addressed. This portion of the project will be completed as weather permits.

I have met with our representative from OTT Communications and came up with a solution to address our phone system. Over the past few weeks our current phone system has failed at least 2 separate times and we experience trouble with it on a daily basis. You may recall that money was budgeted to replace the system. The solution presented will meet the needs currently and into the future. I will be meeting with OTT again to finalize the purchase.

On a good note we are 2 weeks into our weight loss challenge and are currently winning the challenge with a total current weight loss of 30.4 pounds. The competition is set to end December 21st so we understand we have a long ways to go.

I have received and reviewed the audit for the sewer district. It's my understanding that it is also on the Sewer District's website but can be viewed at the Sewer District in person or here at the Town Office.

I have met with a homeowner located on Main Street that had the culvert fail at the end of his driveway. Barney and I have viewed the area and will be working with the homeowner to address the concern

Attachments:

Handouts for the October 5th School Board meeting
Article from Portland Press Harold
Newsletter from Rep Peter Lyford dated Oct 5, 2015
Thank you note form citizen to Sgt. Nichols
Pictures from the Fire Prevention press conference
Bangor Daily News Article
Community Connector Passenger Count Report
Information on Culturefest
State Rep Lyford newsletter dated October 13, 2015

Veazie School Administrative Unit
1040 School Street
Veazie, Maine 04401
Telephone (207) 947-6573

TO: Veazie School Committee

FROM: Matthew Cyr, Principal
Richard A. Lyons, Superintendent of Schools

DATE: October 5, 2015

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

AGENDA

- I. Call of the Roll
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of September 14, 2015
- IV. Adjustment to Agenda
- V. Persons Desiring to Address the Committee
- VI. Acknowledgements
- VII. A. Board Chair
B. Board Vice-Chair
- VIII. Personnel
 - A. Resignations
 - B. Nominations

- IX. Principal Report (Exhibit)
- X. Superintendent Report
 - A. Financial Report (Exhibit)
 - B. Maine School Management Fall Conference (Exhibit)
 - C. Maine School Boards Association Update (Exhibit)
- XI. New Business
 - A. Discuss and act on voting delegate at MSMA Fall Conference
 - B. Discuss Resolutions for upcoming MSMA Fall Conference (Exhibit)
 - C. Presentation associated with strategic planning - goal setting
- XII. Old Business
- XIII. Board Policy
 - A. Discuss Policy JKAA, Use of Physical Restraint and Seclusion (Exhibit)
- XIV. Request for Information
- XV. Executive Session
- XVI. Next Meeting
- XVII. Adjournment

Veazie School Department

Budget by Warrant Articles - Total

Account Number / Description	Adopted Budget 7/1/2015 - 6/30/2016	Amendments 7/1/2015 - 6/30/2016	Amended Budget 7/1/2015 - 6/30/2016	YTD Expended 7/1/2015 - 9/30/2015	Encumbrances 7/1/2015 - 9/30/2015	Amount Remaining 7/1/2015 - 9/30/2015	Percent Remaining 7/1/2015 - 9/30/2015
Total Article 1 - Reg Instr.	\$2,126,522.09	\$0.00	\$2,126,522.09	\$371,707.42	\$2,704.80	\$1,752,109.87	82.39%
Total Article 2 - Sp/Ed Instr.	\$831,795.71	\$0.00	\$831,795.71	\$101,741.16	\$179.99	\$729,874.56	87.74%
Total Article 3 - CTE Instr.	\$26,383.14	\$0.00	\$26,383.14	\$6,582.00	\$0.00	\$19,801.14	75.05%
Total Article 4 - Other Instr.	\$42,496.76	\$0.00	\$42,496.76	\$1,586.45	\$3,519.00	\$37,391.31	87.98%
Total Article 5 - Stu & Staff	\$200,143.67	\$0.00	\$200,143.67	\$49,311.78	\$3,943.82	\$146,888.07	73.39%
Total Article 6 - System Admin	\$100,517.54	\$0.00	\$100,517.54	\$6,957.49	\$0.00	\$93,560.05	93.07%
Total Article 7 - Schl Admin.	\$165,920.93	\$0.00	\$165,920.93	\$42,191.73	\$0.00	\$123,729.20	74.57%
Total Article 8 - Transport.	\$144,300.00	\$0.00	\$144,300.00	\$11,700.00	\$0.00	\$132,600.00	91.89%
Total Article 9 - Op & Maint	\$263,026.00	\$0.00	\$263,026.00	\$58,493.77	\$327.78	\$204,204.45	77.63%
Total Article 10 - Debt Svc.	\$287,644.91	\$0.00	\$287,644.91	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$287,644.91	100.00%
Total Article 11 - Other	\$30,000.00	\$0.00	\$30,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$30,000.00	100.00%
TOTAL BUDGET	\$4,218,750.75	\$0.00	\$4,218,750.75	\$650,271.80	\$10,675.39	\$3,557,803.56	84.33%

Veazie School Department YTD Revenue

Report # 535

Statement Code: Revenue

Account Number	Description	Adopted Budget	Current Period	Reported Period	Amount Remaining	Percent Remaining
		7 1 2015 - 6 30 2016	9 1 2015 - 9 30 2015	7 1 2015 - 9 30 2015	7 1 2015 - 9 30 2015	7 1 2015 - 9 30 2015
1000-0000-0000-41211-070	Local Allocation - Veazie	(1,875,205.50)	(156,267.12)	(312,534.24)	(1,562,671.26)	83.33%
1000-0000-0000-41213-070	Additional Local Funds - Veazie	(953,617.43)	(79,468.12)	(158,936.24)	(794,681.19)	83.33%
1000-0000-0000-41322-070	Tuition - Elementary	(32,182.50)	0.00	0.00	(32,182.50)	100.00%
1000-0000-0000-41325-070	Tuition-Special Education Elementary	(10,000.00)	0.00	0.00	(10,000.00)	100.00%
1000-0000-0000-41510-070	Interest Income	0.00	(104.85)	(287.02)	287.02	---
1000-0000-0000-41984-070	Refund Prior Year's Expenditures	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	---
1000-0000-0000-43110-070	State Allocation - Veazie	(706,014.15)	(58,834.51)	(176,503.53)	(529,510.62)	75.00%
1000-0000-0000-43111-000	State Subsidy/Debt Service	(286,731.17)	0.00	0.00	(286,731.17)	100.00%
1000-0000-0000-43123-070	State Agency Clients - Special Secondar	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	---
1000-0000-0000-44340-000	Erate	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	---
1000-0000-0000-44340-070	E-Rate-Veazie	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	---
1000-0000-0000-44585-070	Medicaid Billing-Veazie	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	---
1000-0000-0000-45000-070	Veazie Balance Forward	(355,000.00)	0.00	0.00	(355,000.00)	100.00%
1000-0000-0000-45001-070	Balance Forward from FY13	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	---
1000-0000-0000-45002-070	Balance Forward Previous Years	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	---
1000-0000-0000-45600-070	Bond Interest Refund-Veazie	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	---
1000-0000-0000-45601-070	Bond Interest-Bgr Savings Bank Veazie	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	---
GRAND TOTAL		S(4,218,750.75)	S(294,674.60)	S(648,261.03)	S(3,570,489.72)	84.63%

Monday, September 14, 2015
Veazie School Committee Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
Veazie Community School Library

The Veazie School Administrative Unit Committee met at the Veazie Community School Library on Monday, September 14, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. School Committee members present were Gavin Batchelder, Kristen Bagley, Julia Hathaway, and Valli Vel. Principal Matthew Cyr and Superintendent Richard Lyons were also in attendance.

Bill Reed was excused. Assistant Superintendent Emil Genest arrived later during the meeting.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Approval of Regular Meeting of August 10, 2015

Bagley moved, Vel seconded, and the Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 10, 2015.

IV. Adjustment to Agenda

A teacher nomination was added to Article VIII-B (Personnel: Nominations).

V. Persons Desiring to Address the Committee

None.

VI. Acknowledgements

None.

VII. Board Chair

A. Chair

Chair Gavin Batchelder discussed an opportunity to meet with Dr. Betsy Webb, Bangor Superintendent of Schools, for the purpose of looking for ways the school systems could work together. Hathaway moved, Vel seconded, and the Committee voted unanimously to proceed with that initiative.

B. Vice Chair

None.

VIII. Personnel

A. Resignations

None.

B. Nominations

Hathaway moved, Vel seconded, and the Committee voted unanimously to accept the nomination of Loyann Worster as pre-kindergarten teacher.

IX. Principal's Report

Principal Matt Cyr presented the principal's report, highlighting these areas:

A. MEA data summary

B. Enrollment

C. Summer library use

D. Upcoming community open house

X. Superintendent's Report

A. Financial Statements

Assistant Superintendent Emil Genest stated that there are no problems at this time.

B. October 5th Strategic Planning

There was a discussion of Heather Wilmot's upcoming strategic planning presentation at the October 5th Regular Meeting.

XI. New Business

A. Discuss and act on transfer of funds

Hathaway moved, Bagley seconded, and the Committee voted unanimously that "Pursuant to section 1485(4) of Title 20A, the Superintendent of Schools is authorized to conduct the following transfers provided the total operating budget for the previous fiscal year shall not be increased by such transfers.

Up to 0.82% (not more than \$18,000) of the total appropriation for the Regular Instruction Cost Center for the previous fiscal operating budget to the School Administration Cost Center and the System Administration Cost Center.

Up to .25% (not more than \$2,000) of the total appropriation to the Special Education Instruction Cost Center for the previous fiscal year operating budget to the Transportation Cost Center."

B. Discuss and act on donations

Hathaway moved, Bagley seconded, and the Committee voted unanimously to accept several generous donations. Principal Matt Cyr confirmed that thank you letters have been sent out.

XII. Old Business

None.

XIII. Board Policy

None.

XIV. Request For Information

None.

XV. Executive Session

None.

XVI. Next meeting - Monday, October 5, 2015.

XVII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julia E. Hathaway
Vice Chair

/s/
Richard A. Lyons
Superintendent of Schools

Lisbon School Department

Future Search Executive Summary

ALL STUDENTS LEARN IN
DIFFERENT WAYS AND IN
DIFFERENT TIMEFRAMES.
WITH THIS UNDERSTANDING,
HOW MUST THE LISBON
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT EVOLVE
TO MEET THE PRESENT AND
FUTURE NEEDS OF ALL
LEARNERS?



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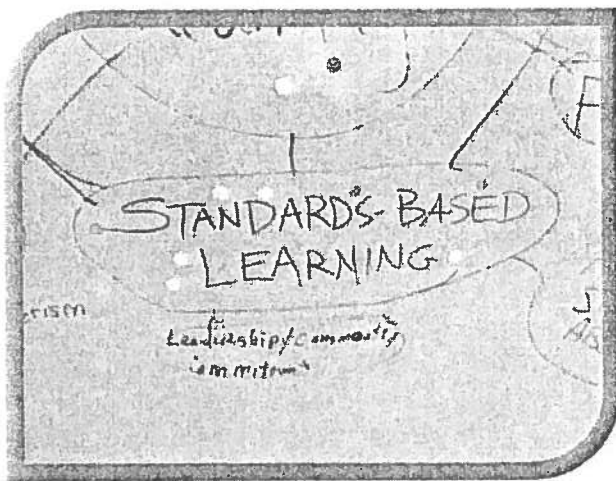
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Personal Note

First and foremost, we would like to thank the Future Search attendees for their participation and valuable input at the two-day conference. We understand that this was a major commitment of their time. A large cross-section of the community made themselves available to participate in an opportunity to make a real difference in the future of our schools and town. We are extremely proud of the fact that 100% of the participants who committed to this work partook in both conference days.



Members of the Lisbon community brought unique and diverse perspectives. As a result of the collaborative roundtable discussions, we have identified a set of themes that represent a direction for the Lisbon School Department. These themes provide the big picture ideas that express the common ground and shared sense of direction of the community

and school department. And, once polished, they will be the vision and mission that guides how students are served.

We strongly feel that the school department just embarked upon to what is *the* most exciting initiative since we have been a part of the school department. Thank you for helping us answer the critical question, "All students learn in different ways and in different time frames. With this understanding, how must the Lisbon School Department evolve to meet the present and future needs of all learners?"

Richard A. Green

Superintendent of Schools

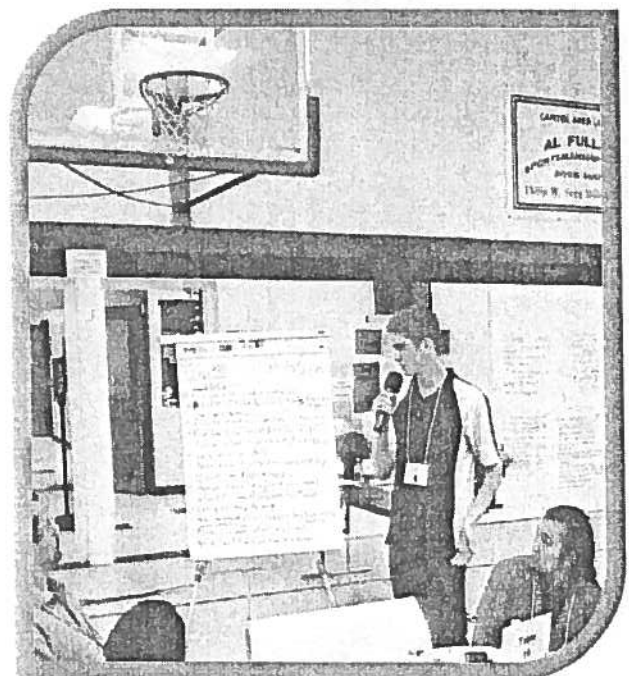
Heather A. Wilmot

Assistant Superintendent

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**“I AM VERY EXCITED ABOUT
OUR VISION AND LOOK
FORWARD TO ITS
IMPLEMENTATION!”**



The Future Search

Organization development professionals, Marvin Weisbord and Barbara Janoff, developed the Future Search Conference. The conference is intended to engage a cross section of people who are stakeholders in an organization in creating a shared future direction for that organization. It includes a group of 50 – 80 people who are invited to be together in the same room for two days to share their thinking and to find common ground for a preferred future.

The two days include many opportunities for sharing ideas in small groups and finding the common ground of those ideas within the larger group. A variety of activities result in creating a database of all the ideas in the room. That database is designed to enhance thinking, broaden perspectives and look for patterns of shared direction. The outcome is a set of themes, between five to eight, which represent a direction for the organization. They are broad, big picture ideas, but the themes express the common ground or shared sense of direction of the participants.

The “how to get there” planning is the next step in the process. That strategic planning will include developing the strategies and action steps, timeline, resources, etc. for implementation. Another important outcome from most Future Search is the sense of community, ownership, and commitment that develops as participants share their wants and wishes for the organization. Many participants express an interest in continuing to be associated with the organization as it moves to the strategic implementation of the shared direction.

The School Committee is unwavering in its commitment to ensure the shared vision, developed through our Future Search process, is not shelved nor forgotten, but a driving factor in moving our school department forward.



**“AS A RESULT OF THIS WORK, I HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING
OF OUR SCHOOL DEPARTMENT. IT ALSO OPENED MY EYES TO
THE FAST CHANGING SOCIETY THAT WE LIVE IN!”**

Conference Preparation

The Lisbon School Department's administrative team worked with Superintendent Richard Green in late August to create a Design Team consisting of a representative from the School Committee, building level administrators, teacher representatives, the Assistant Superintendent and a member of the business community. These team members were selected for their knowledge and experience with the school department and their knowledge of our community. The tasks assigned to the Design Team were to develop a list of stakeholders to invite to participate in the planning and logistics for the two-day event.

Design Team Membership

Traci Austin	Richard Green
Ken Healey	Jen Huntley
Carlene Iverson	Tom Landberg
Zach Longyear	Barbara Morris
Ryan Patrie	Kate Race
George Roy	Heather Wilmot

This work also included the creation of the Guiding Question: All students learn in different ways and in different times. With this understanding, how must the Lisbon School Department evolve to meet the present and future needs of all learners?



**"I AM SO GLAD THIS HAPPENED! I AM
OPTIMISTIC ABOUT CHANGES THAT
COULD RESULT FROM THIS!"**

Conference Agenda

LISBON SCHOOLS

Welcomes You to A Future Search Conference

October 19-20, 2012

Philip W. Sugg Middle School

Conference Facilitator: Judy Enright

Guiding Question

All students learn in different ways and in different timeframes.

With this understanding, how must Lisbon Schools evolve to meet the present and future needs of all learners?

Friday 3:30-8:30

- Registration (3:15 – 3:30)
- Welcome and Introductions: Richard Green, Superintendent of Schools
- Conference Overview, Outcomes, and Agenda Review
- Getting Started
- The Past
- The Present

Saturday 8:00-3:30

- Continental Breakfast (7:30-8:00)
- The Present: Continued
- The Future: Creating Guiding Beliefs and a Vision for Education in Lisbon Schools
- Discovering Common Themes for the Future
- Participant Feedback
- Next Steps and Closing Comments: Richard Green, Superintendent of Schools

Conference Data

In the following pages, you will find the data that the Future Search participants generated as a result of their engagement in a number of key activities. The data was abundant and rich with important information. This is the data that should and will influence educational planning in Lisbon School Department in the future.

The Past: Historical Scan/Major Implications

The first activity of the Future Search asks participants to consider historical events of note in their schools, communities, state, country and around the globe that have significantly impacted education in their school system. Once these events are mapped by participants, they are then asked to determine major implications of these events that need to be noted as the Lisbon School Department plans for its future.

- ❖ **Technology:** Technology and its use is progressing faster than ever. And, as a result we are faced with the task of preparing students for careers that don't currently exist. This has impacted and changed the way educators need to teach, how students learn and how society communicates through social media.
- ❖ **Economy:** The Lisbon School Department has been significantly impacted by the decline in the economy and reduction in State subsidy. The impacts are noticeable in the following areas: student support services, reduction in staff resulting in increased class sizes and the overall strain on limited operational resources.
- ❖ **Educational Mandates/No Child Left Behind/Accountability:** High stakes testing and unfunded educational mandates from both the Federal and State levels have significantly impacted our local efforts.
- ❖ **School Safety:** The Lisbon School Department is committed to the assurance of a safe environment that is conducive to teaching and learning. In response to acts of terrorism against students on school campuses, the increase in occurrences of bullying/harassment and cyber-bullying, the Lisbon School Department improved the safety and security of all four buildings.

"Prouds" and "Sorries"

In this activity, the current reality of education in the school system is examined. Participants are asked to reflect upon what they are proud of what they are sorry about in all aspects of the education of Lisbon School Department students.

Prouds

- ❖ Dedicated teachers, administrators and staff.
- ❖ Community pride, collaboration and support of our schools
- ❖ Student support system and opportunities for learning.
- ❖ Standards-based educational initiative

Sorries

- ❖ Inadequate facilities
- ❖ Inadequate technology and resources
- ❖ Bullying and disrespectful behavior
- ❖ Student achievement

Guiding Principles

Effective organizations are governed by clearly articulated and commonly held guiding beliefs. These are the beliefs that shape policy, program, project, and practice decisions system-wide. In this Future Search segment, participants are asked to individually and then in small groups, articulate the beliefs about education that they most value.

- ❖ Students learn in different ways and in different time frames.
- ❖ Given the appropriate resources and opportunities, all students have the ability to learn.
- ❖ Parents and students must take ownership and responsibility in their education.
- ❖ Learning is a life-long endeavor that requires a personal investment from the student and commitment from the community.
- ❖ Student learning is enhanced with real life experiences requiring complex thinking to meet the student's needs.
- ❖ Teachers need to facilitate and model good practice and serve as a mentor.

Emergent Common Themes/Goals areas

The culminating event of the Future Search asks participants to discern the major themes of their Future Search Vision. These will be represented in the major goal areas of the educational plan that is ultimately developed to reach the Lisbon School Department's vision.

- ❖ Technology integration to enhance instruction and student centered learning,
- ❖ Facilities that support and enhance the educational mission/vision,
- ❖ Enhancing the partnership/collaboration and communication between the school and community,
- ❖ Professional development that promotes multiple pathways for learning; and,
- ❖ The creation and maintenance of a safe, secure and respectful learning environment.

**"I WANT TO THANK THE LISBON SCHOOL DEPARTMENT FOR SEEKING
OUT THE COMMUNITIES' DESIRES AND OPINIONS."**

Conference Participation and Evaluation

As stated in the Conference Preparation section of this summary, Design team members generated a list of approximately 100 individual stakeholders to invite to participate in the Future Search event.

Evaluation forms included the following items:

- ❖ What were the high points of these two days?
- ❖ What value would you assign to the work we completed?
- ❖ What do you wish had been done differently?
- ❖ Other questions, comments, suggestions and/or appreciations

The cross-section of participants was: students: 13%, school department staff: 23%; and, community members: 64%. Fifty-seven participants completed evaluation forms. (Two evaluations offered no rating at this time, noting that the final value would be determined by the steps taken to move forward.) Of the fifty-five participants who completed the rating portions, fifty people rated the Future Search of High or Highest Value.

Rating	Value	Total
5	Highest Value	29
4.5		4
4	High	17
3.5		2
3	Moderate	1
2	Little	1
1	No Value	1

What were the high points of these two days?

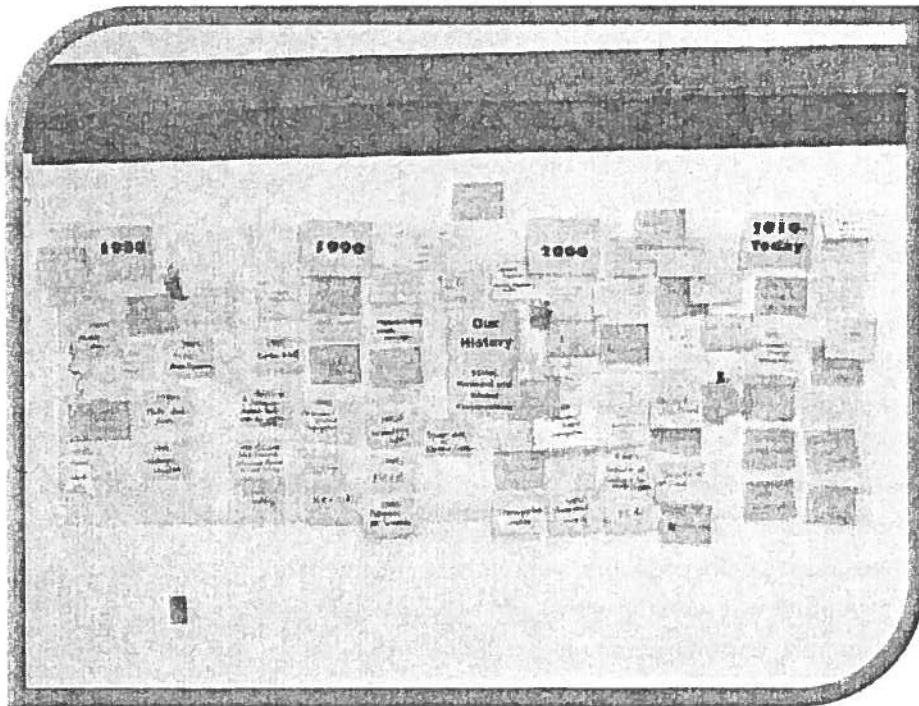
- ❖ Hearing from the community members in open dialog, without worry. The balance of table groups was effective for dynamic conversations.
- ❖ Great to talk about and realize shared beliefs about schools and the roles they play in community.
- ❖ Getting to work with different stakeholders and hearing a consensus of what is important.
- ❖ Being able to work collaboratively without judgment with community members.
- ❖ A high point was working with a great group of people from differing interests (instructors, parents, community, student, business) who all had different ideas and/or knowledge of our community and a school which we all share. It was a great learning experience for me and I have lived in this town all my life (50 years).

What do you wish had been done differently?

- ❖ Nothing. We did what we were asked through various activities that were useful, purposeful and meaningful.
- ❖ Honestly, this ran smoother than I expected it would. This format worked well with this crowd.
- ❖ I was completely pleased as to how everything went and have no complaints.
- ❖ I think it was really well planned and ran smoothly.
- ❖ Perhaps more opportunity for discussions and time to interact with other groups.

Other questions, comments, suggestions and/or appreciations

- ❖ How can we spread the support and enthusiasm for this to others? How can it be communicated to the non-believers?
- ❖ I'd really like to see how this is put into practice over time.
- ❖ I wish this type of collaborative work could be done more frequently within our community, not just about school related issues, but also town issues.
- ❖ I think our town should look at having a group which continues this sort of interaction regularly.



Conference Follow-Up

The next step in the Future Search process is to establish and convene a Planning Team to review the data gathered at the event and to draft a Strategic (Educational) Plan that will guide our district forward over the next five years. Included in the plan will be specific goals, action steps, strategies and timelines necessary to ensure meaningful and useful implementation. A copy of the draft plan will be shared with the Future Search participants. It is our intention to have the Strategic (Educational) Plan approved by the School Committee by the start of the 2013-14 school year. Once approved, members of the Planning Team will meet approximately three times per year to review the implementation process and to recommend revisions as deemed necessary.

The Future Search Executive Summary document and the Strategic (Educational) Plan will be posted on the Lisbon School Department's website: www.lisbonschoolsme.org.

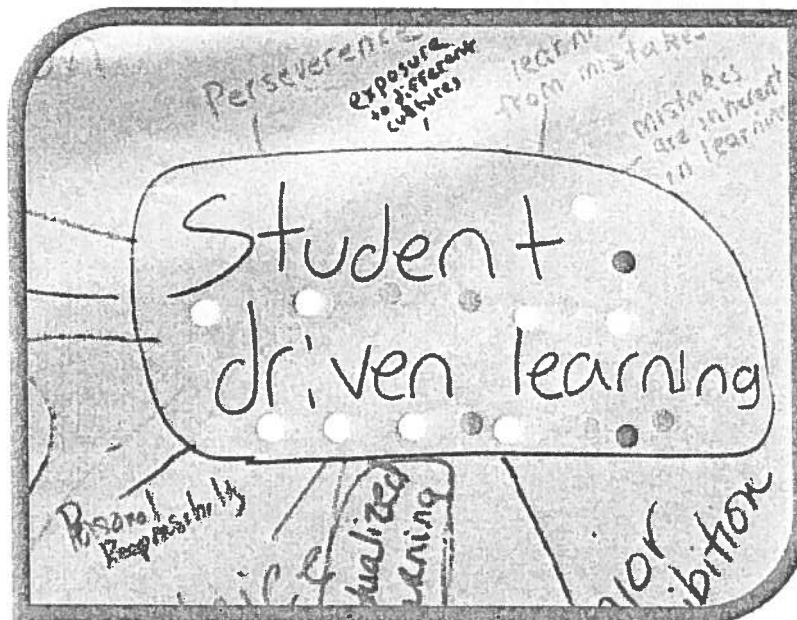
For those who are interested in being involved in the Planning Team, below you will find the tentative meeting dates:

February 7, 2013 4:30pm-7:30pm

April 25, 2013 4:30pm-7:30pm

June 20, 2013 8:30am-2:30pm

If you are interested in participating in the Planning Team, please contact Sheila Clifford at 353-6711 ext. 205 or sclifford@lisbonschoolsme.org. (All meetings will be held at the Central Office at 19 Gartley Street in Lisbon.)



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On the behalf of the Lisbon School Department, we would like to express our appreciation to the following individuals who made this successful event possible:

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- Future Search Participants: for dedicating two days of focused participation to conference,
- Design Team Members: for their efforts in planning and designing the conference; and,
- Conference Facilitator: Judy Enright for being a skilled moderator and advocate for transformative change.



Appendix A: Frequently Asked Questions

What is the intent of a Future Search?

A future search is intended to engage a cross section of people who are stakeholders in an organization in creating a shared future direction for that organization. It includes a group of 50 –80 people who are invited to be together in the same room for two days to share their thinking and to find the common ground of what they want the future to be.

How does this differ from strategic planning?

A Future Search focuses on the long-range view of an organization, the big picture. The premise is that if you can define where you want to go in the next five to ten years, then the next step is developing a strategic plan to move in that direction. It is starting a planning process that engages the thinking of a diverse group of stakeholders to advise about a direction that becomes the framework for establishing the details of how to get there. A future search conference focuses on the thinking that needs to precede strategic planning. (Creators of the process are Marvin Weisbord & Barbara Janoff) See futuresearch.net for more info.

How is the planning conference time used? What do the participants do?

The two days include many opportunities for sharing ideas in small groups and finding the common ground of those ideas within the larger group. A variety of activities result in creating a database of all the ideas in the room. That database is designed to enhance thinking, to broaden perspectives and to look for patterns of shared direction.

The process engages participants in activities that focus on some key questions:

- What has happened in the **past** that has influenced where we are today, and what should we remember as we plan for the future?
- What do I know about the **current reality** that I want to retain or modify or eliminate in the future?
- What are the **trends in society** today that may be on the horizon and will eventually impact us?
- What is my personal description of how I would want it to be in the next five to ten years.... if I could have it the **way I truly want it to be**?
- What is the **shared direction among all of the participants**? The common ground of our thinking...even though there are differences, what is it that we can build upon?
- How do we get started to develop a **plan to move in that direction**?

What will be the product at the end of the two days?

The outcome will be a set of themes, probably five to eight, which represent a direction for the organization. They will be broad, big picture ideas. But the themes express the common ground or shared sense of direction of the participants. The themes will need some 'polishing', so a very small writing team will need to translate the group's work into a well written vision statement. The "how to get there" planning is in the next step in the process. That strategic planning will include developing the strategies and action steps, time line, resources, etc. for implementation.

Another outcome from most future searches is the sense of community, ownership, and commitment that develops as participants share their wants and wishes for the organization. Many participants express an interest in continuing to be associated with the organization as it moves to the strategic implementation of the shared direction.

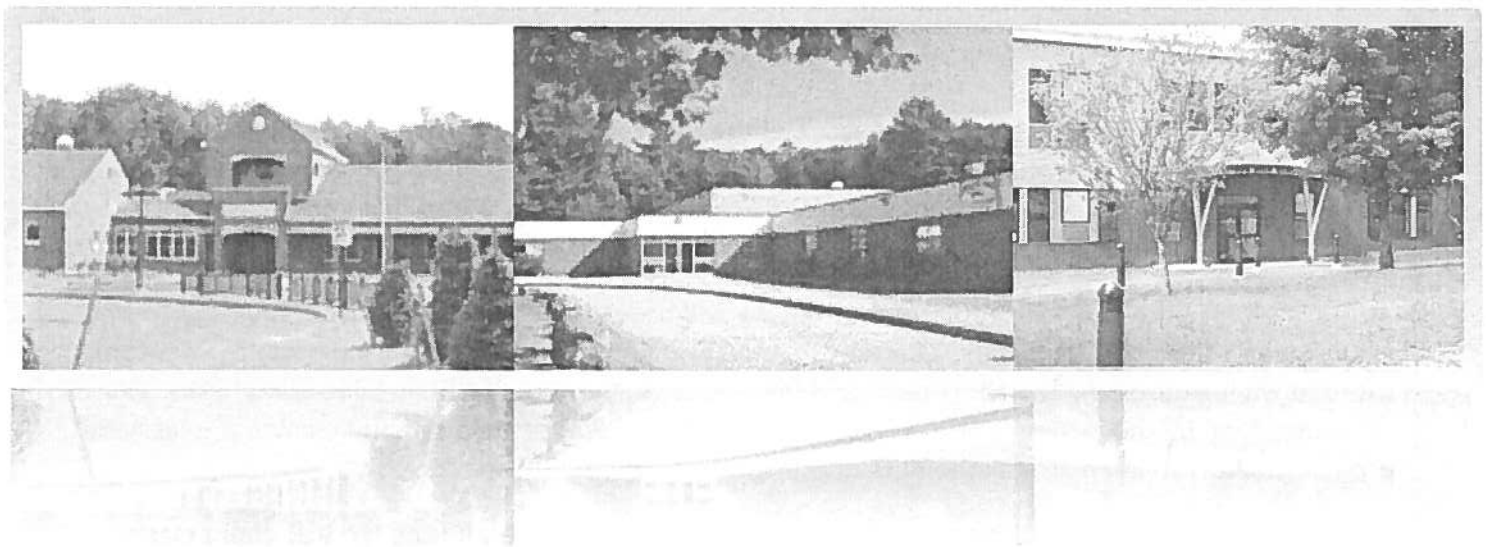
Appendix B: Participant List

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Strategic Educational Plan



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Lisbon School Department's Story

As leaders of learning and change agents for the Lisbon School Department, we are passionate about developing a plan for transformative change. A Critical Problem Inventory allowed the leadership team to identify 3 key focus areas that became priorities for the Strategic Educational Plan. These priorities are listed below:

- The lack of a mission and vision to drive the school department,
- No Strategic Educational Plan; and,
- State mandated proficiency-based diploma by 2017.

Without a Strategic Educational Plan, each of the schools has operated in isolation instead of working collaboratively toward a common goal. Through our most recent work with critical stakeholders, we now have a mission, vision and Strategic Educational Plan that “pulls” us in a common direction.

As leaders in the Lisbon School Department we will provide the context for the change while we establish appropriate parameters. Our new mission and vision will allow us to maintain momentum forward while addressing the short-term and long-term goals in our Strategic Educational Plan. We recognize that we must communicate with the stakeholders where we are in the change process and provide support to keep all stakeholders fully engaged throughout the process.

It is inevitable that we will encounter obstacles along the way. Yet, it is our role as change agents to remain steadfast and hold true to the intent of our mission and vision as we support these educational initiatives.

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Strategic Educational Plan

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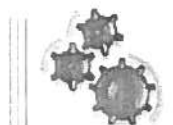
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Strategic Educational Plan Planning Process

Process Timeline

Design Team	<i>August 14, 2012</i>
World Café	<i>August 28, 2012</i>
Future Search	<i>October 19-20, 2012</i>
Planning Team	<i>April 25, June 20, July 11 and August 1, 2013</i>



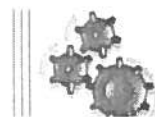
Lisbon School Department's ***Mission & Vision***

Mission

The Lisbon School Department is united with our community to provide a personalized, innovative education for all learners in an ever-changing world.

Vision

All students learn in different ways and in different timeframes.



Lisbon School Department's *Guiding Principles*

Everyone learns in **different ways** and **different timeframes** given the appropriate opportunities and resources.

Learning is a life-long endeavor that requires a **personal** and **community** investment.

In an ever-changing world:

Student learning requires **complex thinking** and **problem solving skills** to meet the student needs.

Educators require ongoing **professional development** in order to facilitate and model innovative education.



Overarching Goal: Innovative Learning Curriculum

An innovative, future focused standards-based curriculum that prepares learners for the changing world.

Point People: Assistant Superintendent & Superintendent

Work Committee Members: Curriculum Team Leaders (CTL), Grade Levels/Content Teams, Building Administrators, & Math/Literacy Specialists

Long-term Goal: Using a standard-based curriculum that provides all students the time and opportunity to develop the necessary skills and knowledge.

Short-term Goal: To align curriculum with the Common Core Standards to support standards-based learning and reporting.

Action Strategies

- Designate Curriculum Team Leader meeting time for this purpose,
- Screen inventory of enacted curriculum (e.g., Diary Mapping),
- Establish and sequence district-specific curriculum milestones; and,
- Establish power standards PK-12.



Overarching Goal: Innovative Learning *Instruction*

Point People: Assistant Superintendent & Superintendent

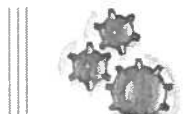
Work Committee Members: Teachers, Team Leaders & Building Administrators

Long-term Goal: Using research-based instruction that provides opportunities for all students to learn in different ways and different timeframes.

Short-term Goal: To develop a better understanding of standards and how they support effective instruction and assessment.

Action Strategies:

- Gain knowledge about standards-based instruction and assessment (the point person might do visitations at other schools, professional development texts, etc.); and,
- Examine and differentiate the structures (time, grouping, modalities, schedules, etc.) that support standards-based learning,
- Gain knowledge about analyzing and interpreting data for decision-making,
- Designate specific time for professional development.



Overarching Goal: Innovative Learning *Culture*

Point People: Building Administrators

Work Committee Members: Guidance, School Resource Officers (SRO), Teachers & Curriculum Team Leaders (CTL)

Long-term Goal: Create and maintain emotionally and physically safe and respectful learning environments for all.

Short-term Goal: To implement protocols and curriculum that promotes positive relationships.

Action Strategies:

- Continue to sustain current programs (e.g., Responsive Classroom, Collaborative Problem-Solving, Camp Kieve, etc.)
- Review structures that support positive culture change; and,
- Encourage student organizations (e.g., Civil Rights, Gay-straight Alliance, Student Government, etc.).



Overarching Goal: Community Collaboration **Communication**

To involve, educate and inform all stakeholders about our Mission and Vision.

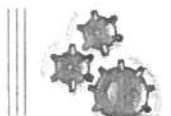
Point Person: Superintendent

Work Committee Members: Lisbon Adult & Community Education Director, School Committee and Parent Representatives

Long-term Goal: Enhance communication between the schools and the community.

Action Strategies:

- Facilitate conversations with community and civic groups regarding the vision, mission and guiding principles,
- Capitalize social networking opportunities; and,
- Evaluate the effectiveness of existing communication tools.



Overarching Goal: Community Collaboration *Partnerships*

Point Person: Superintendent

Work Committee Members: Lisbon Adult & Community Education Director, School Committee, Teacher and Parent Representatives

Long-term Goal: Create and enhance partnerships with community organizations.

Action Strategies:

- Cohort with supportive services; and,
- Link to outside learning organizations.
- Civic engagement as a graduation requirement,
- Mentorship; and,
- Work study.



Overarching Goal: Community Collaboration

Family Engagement

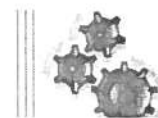
Point Person: Superintendent

Work Committee Members: Building Administrators, Lisbon Adult & Community Education Director, School Committee, Teacher and Parent Representatives

Long-term Goal: Enhance engagement between the schools and families.

Action Strategies:

- Survey community about needs, desires and interests,
- Evaluate parent-teacher conference process; and
- Create family-centered events, resources and educational opportunities based on needs assessment(s).



Lisbon School Department's *Planning Team*

On behalf of the Lisbon School Department, we would like to thank all of the participants who have contributed their time over the last year helping support us through this change initiative. We especially would like to recognize all past and current members of our Planning Team and our Change Partner, Judy Enright, for facilitating this work.

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
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Securing Stakeholder Support for Transformative Change in Educational Planning


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Securing Stakeholder Support *Introductions*

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
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 - Design Team
 - Future Search
 - Planning Team
- Strategic Educational Plan
 - Mission & Vision
 - Guiding Principles
 - Long-Term Goals
- Keys to Success
- Thank You


Securing Stakeholder Support *School Department and Community Profile*

- Lisbon School Department
 - Lisbon Community School
 - Grades PreK-5, 656 Students
 - Philip W. Sugg Middle School
 - Grades 6-8, 273 Students
 - Lisbon High School
 - Grades 9-12, 323 Students

- Lisbon & Lisbon Falls
 - Total Population: 9,009
 - Rural, Western Maine
 - Bedroom Community to Lewiston/Auburn, Augusta and Portland




Securing Stakeholder Support *Transformative Change Process*




Process Timeline

Design Team	August 14, 2012
Writing group	October 15 - April
Future Search	October 14 - 24, 2012
Planning Team	April 25 - July 20
	May 11 & August 1, 2013
	October 9 & November 13, 2014



World Café *Transformative Change Process*

- Professional Staff Dialogue
 - Guiding Question: All students learn in different ways and in different timeframes. With this understanding, how must the Lisbon School Department evolve to meet the present and future needs of all learners?
- Critical Mass for Change
 - Provided Context and Structure
 - Power of Conversation
- Sense of Urgency
 - Tipping Point
 - Changes in Instruction and Assessment



Design Team & Conference Preparation *Transformative Change Process*

- Design Team:
 - Superintendent & Assistant Superintendent of Schools
 - School Committee Representatives
 - Building Level Administration
 - Teacher Representatives
 - Community Business Partners
- Team developed a list of stakeholders to participate in the Future Search, 2-day event.
- Guiding Question: All students learn in different ways and in different timeframes. With this understanding, how must the Lisbon School Department evolve to meet the present and future needs of all learners?



Future Search Overview *Transformative Change Process*

- Purpose: To engage cross-section of stakeholders to create a shared direction for the organization.
- 70 members of the community
- Database of ideas:
 - Enhance thinking
 - Broaden perspectives
 - Look for patterns of shared direction



Future Search Conference Data *Transformative Change Process*

- The Past: Historical Scan/Major Implications
 - Technology
 - Economy
 - Educational Mandates
 - School Safety
- Prouds
 - Dedicated teachers, administrators and staff
 - Community pride
 - Student supports
 - Standards based educational initiative
- Sorries
 - Inadequate facilities
 - Inadequate technology and resources
 - Bullying and disrespectful behavior
 - Student achievement




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An innovative, future focused standards-based curriculum that prepares learners for the changing world.

Long-term Goals:

- Using a standard-based curriculum that provides all students the time and opportunity to develop the necessary skills and knowledge,
- Using research-based instruction that provides opportunities for all students to learn in different ways and different time frames; and,
- Create and maintain emotionally and physically safe and respectful learning environments for all.



Overarching Goal: **Community Collaboration** *Communication, Partnerships & Family Engagement*

To involve, educate and inform all stakeholders about our Mission and Vision.

Long-term Goals:

- Enhance communication between the schools and the community,
- Create and enhance partnerships with community organizations; and,
- Enhance engagement between the schools and families



Lisbon School Department's *Capital Plan*

- July 8, 2009: Lisbon High School was placed on probation by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC).
- July 16, 2009: Lisbon School Department established a Facilities Committee:
 - This group consists of members of the community, school administration and directors, School Committee and Town Council



Securing Stakeholder Support *Keys to Success*

- Shared Vision
 - Internal and External Stakeholders
- Communication
 - Transparency
 - Multi-media and "Snail Mail"
 - Informal Polling Tools
- **STUDENTS**
- Branding
 - Logo
 - Slogan
- Connecting Plans
 - Instructional and Facility Needs



Securing Stakeholder Support *Thank You!*

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Two years after dams' removal, Penobscot River flourishes

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VEAZIE — For nearly four decades, Barbara Wilson could watch from her deck as the waters of the Penobscot River cascaded over the 30-foot dam affectionately dubbed “Grammy’s waterfall” by a grandchild.

The Veazie Dam had stood for a century in this spot just north of Bangor, a mass of concrete extending more than 800 feet across the Penobscot for power generation and for use in the log drives of decades past. So Wilson was concerned — and even a bit dubious — when she began hearing about plans to remove the dam that posed the first obstacle to Atlantic salmon, alewives and other fish attempting to swim upriver.

Today, the Penobscot runs fast and free below Wilson’s hilltop house thanks to an unprecedented, 15-year-long effort to restore New England’s second-largest river system.

“When the dam was here, it was in my backyard,” Wilson said. “I thought I was going to miss my waterfall, but it is hard to remember what it looked like when the dam was here. I think the river is much prettier now.”

The Penobscot is also gradually returning to life — and, in the process, providing a potential model for dammed-up rivers across the nation. For advocates of dam removal, including conservationists and recreational fishing groups, the goal is clear: Restore the health of river ecosystems so that fish populations can flourish again, and provide economic benefits that flow to local communities from healthy fisheries, paddling and other forms of recreation.

“When it is all said and done, it will be the largest river restoration project in the country,” said Susan Wells, the national coordinator for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service’s fish passage program. “The important thing about the Penobscot project is that it takes a landscape approach to river restoration.”

Nearly two years after the Veazie Dam’s removal — and three years after deconstruction of the equally large Great Works Dam just upriver — alewives, American shad and other species are returning in numbers not seen in decades, if not generations.

The nearly 590,000 alewives or river herring counted this spring at the Milford fish lift — now the first dam on the Penobscot — is more than triple last year’s run of 187,438 fish and represents a 45-fold increase from the 2013 numbers. Likewise, more than 1,800 American shad have also returned this year, compared to fewer than 20 total in the 30 years before the dams were taken out. Biologists say that for the first time in decades, they are hearing from Bangor-area fishermen trying to figure out the best way to catch shad, the largest type of herring known for its savory meat.

While Atlantic salmon numbers remain well shy of what is needed for a self-sustaining run, the 726 sea-run salmon that have returned so far this year are nearly triple last year’s historic low and are the highest since 2011.

“I think it’s fantastic,” Dan McCaw, a fisheries biologist with the Penobscot Nation’s Department of Natural Resources, said while looking at the ripples and rapids that have replaced the Veazie Dam. For the Penobscot Nation, the project is a step toward restoring a sacred river that has fed its people for thousands of years and remains central to the tribe’s culture and identity.

“Salmon and eels will be the last thing to be restored because they need the headwaters,” McCaw said.

The project is expected to reopen 1,000 miles of watershed to fish once the final stage of the project — a modern fish bypass around Howland Dam — is complete next year.

But fish are hard to see beneath the Penobscot's dark waters and their economic impact difficult to quantify so soon after the dams' removal. River users are perhaps an easier gauge. And they, too, are rediscovering the stretch of the Penobscot between Old Town and Bangor.

More than 100 canoeists, kayakers and paddle-boarders tested their skills against one another and the river in late July during the Penobscot River Whitewater National Regatta held by the American Canoe Association and hosted by the Penobscot Nation. The association has already agreed to bring the four-day national championships back to the Penobscot in 2016 and 2017.

"We had a large number of people come to our community who hadn't been here before or who were coming back, so that was nice," said Mark Leonard, Veazie's town manager.

FREEING THE FISH

Few people could have imagined 20 years ago a natural flowing Penobscot River south of Old Town. The first dam was built in Veazie at what was known as the "Eddington Bend" in the river in 1834. By the time the complicated, multi-party river restoration plan was signed 170 years later, ocean-dwelling fish attempting to swim up the main stem of the Penobscot to spawn in the upper watershed faced dams in Veazie, Bradley, Old Town/Milford and Howland – plus many more in tributaries.

While most of those structures featured some form of fish passage, biologists and conservationists were insistent that the only way to begin to rebuild the river's enormous historic fish runs – tens of thousands of salmon, millions of alewives and untold numbers of shad, eels and other fish – was to remove some of the biggest obstacles.

The result was the Lower Penobscot River Settlement Accord, an unprecedented plan to remove two dams and build a fish bypass without reducing the amount of hydroelectric power generated on the Penobscot. In fact, the owner of the dams at the time, PPL Corp., was not only able to increase total generation through enhancements at other dams within the watershed, but also received legal assurances that the environmental and fish conservation groups involved in the pact would not fight future dam relicensing.

The agreement was such a landmark event that then-Secretary of the Interior Gale Norton attended the signing ceremony in June 2004, calling it "perhaps the most significant step to restore the Atlantic salmon in the past century." Interior Secretary Ken Salazar then made the trip back to Maine in 2012 to witness the start of demolition of the Great Works Dam.

Parties in the agreement included the Penobscot Indian Nation, the Atlantic Salmon Federation, state and federal agencies, PPL Corp., Trout Unlimited, Maine Audubon, the Natural Resources Council of Maine, American Rivers and The Nature Conservancy. The nonprofit Penobscot River Restoration Trust eventually raised more than \$60 million – with about half coming from the federal government – to purchase the three dams from PPL Corp. and implement their ambitious plans.

Although the Veazie Dam was larger, the topography of the river makes the difference even more dramatic at the former Great Works site. Penobscot Indians had dubbed the spot "the bad falls with the bad carry" because of the rapids there. While likely not as treacherous today as it was back then, the revived rapids at the former Great Works site were a major reason the Penobscot was chosen to host this year's whitewater paddling championships.

Standing on the riverbank in Bradley, Laura Rose Day with the Penobscot River Restoration Trust said it was exciting to see the competitors using the river in July. The project would have been impossible without that "unprecedented collaboration."

"I really think the project represents people stepping outside of their silos and saying, 'Let's pretend for a minute that we can focus on what we all have in common,'" said Day, the trust's executive director. "If people didn't do that, we wouldn't be standing here. We would be swimming."

To be clear, the Penobscot is far from dam-free. Fish swimming either upstream or downstream – as well as human paddlers – now encounter their first dam in Old Town/Milford, just a few miles upriver from the former Great Works site. But the dam's current owner, Brookfield Renewable Energy, was required to install an improved fish passage system at the Milford Dam as part of the obligations it inherited through the restoration project.

The last stage of the river restoration project is happening right now at Howland Dam, located roughly 20 miles upriver from Milford, where work on the fish bypass is expected to be completed in time for next spring's spawning runs.

"That'll be it," Day said. "It's been a long haul, but it is great to see results."

RESTORATION'S RESULTS

And the river restoration project is producing results.

Maine does not have an American shad restoration program, so the more than 1,800 shad counted at the Milford Dam so far this year were wild-bred and moving back into the upper stretches of the Penobscot on their own. Meanwhile, the 589,503 alewives that passed through the Milford dam – combined with roughly 300,000 fish counted in a stream south of Milford – made the Penobscot the second-largest alewife river in the state behind the Sebasticook.

"We are looking at close to 1 million alewives in the Penobscot – that is a big difference," said Oliver Cox, a fisheries biologist who heads the Maine Department of Marine Resources' Division of Sea-Run Fisheries and Habitat. "It's part of the ecosystem restoration."

The story of the Atlantic salmon is more complicated.

Salmon were once so plentiful in the Penobscot that old-timers joked you could walk across the river near Bangor on their backs during a spawning run. The Penobscot tribe fished for salmon, eels and other fish for thousands of years. Dams and decades of overfishing decimated salmon stocks in the Penobscot and every other New England river, however. Salmon are now extinct throughout much of their former range on the Eastern Seaboard and are protected as an endangered species throughout Maine.

Today the Penobscot remains the only U.S. river that still has a sizable Atlantic salmon run, although those runs have fallen perilously low in recent years despite a multimillion-dollar hatchery and restocking program.

Just four years ago, in 2011, biologists were elated when more than 3,000 adult salmon returned to the Penobscot in the largest spawning run since 1986. But returns plummeted to slightly above 600 a year later and hit a record-low of just 259 fish last year. That is well below the amount needed for broodstock at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's hatcheries in Orland and Ellsworth, which have been helping to keep the Penobscot from going the way of other former salmon rivers.

Cox said he was encouraged by the return of more than 720 salmon this year, yet said the biggest impediment to salmon recovery in Maine and elsewhere appears to be high mortality in the oceans.

"When you're dealing with a species that has a four- or five-year life cycle, it's going to be awhile before we see a response" to the dam removals, Cox said.

Some dam removal projects in the West have received more attention because of the size of structures. But Wells, who leads the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's national fish passage program, said the 1,000 miles of reopened watershed in the Penobscot is by far the largest restoration effort to date. Others are watching closely what happens on the Penobscot, which she hopes will become a national model.

"The recovery of the river has been fantastic up there," Wells said. "It's a great story."

REMINDERS OF IMPEDIMENTS

Ironically, it took removing two dams to see the extent to which Mainers have interfered with the river over the past two centuries.

Old dams, cribworks and extensive wood or stone structures hidden by the water built up behind the dams were baking in the hot sun one recent September afternoon. Just above the site of the Veazie Dam is a massive cribwork platform running parallel to the riverbank for several hundred yards, an apparent relic of the dams, sluiceways and other infrastructure used by the sawmills that lined this stretch of the Penobscot in the 1800s and early 1900s. Most will be left to deteriorate on their own – with help from the river, of course.

Piles of old water-scoured boards and logs – some looking like they were hand-cut – line the banks of the river as industrial driftwood washed downstream during a recent heavy rain or after a dam release. Walking among the wood refuse, McCaw from the Penobscot Nation's Department of Natural Resources paused to pick up some of the feather-light boards and speculate about their possible reuse.

"It's amazing stuff," McCaw said. "It is quite a connection to Maine's timber history."

For the fisheries biologist, the dams' removal was a "remotivating" event because of the enormous potential for restoring fish stocks that, despite efforts to help them circumnavigate dams, were still facing an uphill fight in the river. The only reminders of the dam left behind is a small jetty of rock and concrete that was part of the dam's base, but is likely only visible during low water, and a block of brick on the opposite bank.

"Unless you had been here before, it is hard to imagine," McCaw said of the long-gone dam.

The Penobscot River Restoration Trust removed the former Veazie Dam powerhouse – a large brick structure housing the turbines and other hydroelectric equipment – and is converting the site into a park featuring a parking lot, grassy hills, a hand-carry boat launch and eventually a picnic area overlooking the river. The trust has offered to transfer ownership of the park to the town of Veazie.

Some local residents are already enjoying the site, however, among them Jan Sockbeson of Veazie.

Sockbeson walks the riverbank looking for old glass bottles, collecting water-worn shards she calls "river glass" and driftwood, and cleaning up trash. She also swims in one of the river's calmer pools and even helped teach her grandson how to swim – somewhat, she adds – in the pool on days when the river water was shallow and calm.

The 51-year-old remembers visiting the dam and powerhouse as a school kid during field trips. Asked if she ever thought the dam would be taken out, she laughed and replied, "No, would you?" And while she hasn't seen many other locals using the site, she expects that will change once the gates are opened.

"It's been great," Sockbeson said. "I'm learning so much about the river as I've been coming down here."

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18th Annual Homeless Veteran Stand Down

Stand Downs are typically one- to three-day events providing supplies and services to homeless veterans, such as food, shelter, clothing, health screenings, and VA Social Security benefits counseling. Veterans can also receive referrals to other assistance, such as healthcare, housing solutions, employment, substance abuse treatment, and mental health counseling. They are collaborative events, coordinated between local VA medical centers, other government agencies, and community-based homeless service providers.

Maine's 18th Annual Homeless Veteran Stand Down will be held at Togus VA Medical/Regional Benefit Office Center on Saturday, October 17, 2015.

The following will be provided for Veterans.

- Great Food
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- Legal Services
- Food Stamp Applications
- Women's Services
- Free Flu Shots

This year, there are 15 locations throughout Maine where DAV vans will pick up homeless veterans for transport to/from the Stand Down. Flyers in the communities have the locations and pick up times. For more information, contact Maggie Fitzgerald, (207) 623-8411, ext. 5408.

FREE DAV VAN DEPARTURE LOCATIONS & TIMES:		
AUGUSTA: BREAD OF LIFE KITCHEN 8am 157 Water St. SHELTER #4626-3479 8:15am 155 Hospital St.	BANGOR: BANGOR AREA SHELTER 7:15am 263 Main St. #947-0092 HOPE HOUSE 7:30am 179 Indiana St. #217-6713	BRUNSWICK: TEDFORD SHELTER 7:30am 49 Cumberland St. #725-4871 SPRINGVALE: SANFORD VET CENTER 7am 628 Main St. #490-1513
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National Fire Prevention Week

October 4 - 10 is National Fire Prevention Week. The key message of this year's Fire Prevention Week campaign is to install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of your home, including the basement. Larger homes may need more alarms.

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) is excited to share this important information so everyone better understands the life-saving value of home smoke alarms. Visit NFPA's "[Smoke Alarm Central](#)" for more details.

Fire Prevention Week was established to observe the "Great Chicago Fire," of 1871, which killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed more than 17,400 structures, and burned in excess of 2,000 acres. The fire began on October 8, but continued into and did most of its damage on October 9, 1871.

For more information about National Fire Prevention Week, including access to great resources for kids, families, and teachers,

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visit the [National Fire Protection Association Web site](#)

Prepaid Home Heating Fuel Contracts

In 2012, the Legislature enacted Public Law Chapter 574 "**An Act to Protect Consumers by Strengthening the Laws Governing Prepaid Home Heating Oil Contracts**". This law requires all home heating oil, kerosene, or liquefied petroleum gas dealers who offer prepaid contracts to register with the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation annually. A list of companies who have registered for the 2015/16 heating season can be found [here](#). Companies who wish to register will find the required Intent to Offer and Annual Report forms below.



[Intent to Offer Home Heating Oil, Kerosene or Liquefied Petroleum Gas Prepaid Contracts form.](#) (DOC)

[Annual Report form for Home Heating Oil Prepaid Contracts.](#)
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I'm grateful you
are protecting our
community

Please enjoy lunch
on me



Thanks for all
you do
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Bridge-in-a-Backpack earns UMaine engineer White House honors

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Professor Habib Dagher with a concrete-filled bridge arch. *Buy Photo* (http://store.bangordailynews.com/Other/Week-of-October-5-2015#4419697143_J9Bpc9V)

By Nick McCrea (<https://bangordailynews.com/author/nmccrea/>), BDN Staff
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ORONO, Maine — The man behind the Bridge-in-a-Backpack and the University of Maine's push to develop a floating ocean wind turbine farm will be recognized by the White House next week as a "Transportation Champion of Change." (https://www.google.com/url?q=https://www.whitehouse.gov/champions&sa=D&usg=AFQjCNHnmWptPVA-poaw8Ds_484wqsLong)

Habib Dagher, founding director of UMaine's Advanced Structures and Composites Center, will be honored among 11 of the nation's top transportation innovators during a ceremony on Oct. 13 in Washington, D.C. The award, presented by U.S. Secretary of Transportation Anthony Foxx, recognizes innovators for their advancements toward the future of U.S. transportation and infrastructure.

"I'm really, really humbled," Dagher said during an interview Friday. "[The award] really belongs to the entire center, to the entire team."

Dagher's team began work on the Bridge-in-a-Backpack (<https://www.google.com/url?q=http%3A%2F%2Fbangordailynews.com%2F2012%2F07%2F13%2Fbusiness%2Fbridge-in-a-backpack-hits-milestone%2F&sa=D&usg=AFQjCNFDJ9GPRmyEZeZNfN28u7EMstYw&ref=inline>) more than a decade ago. The technology uses inflatable arch structures that can be transported to a site in bags resembling those used for hockey equipment, inflated on site and infused with resin, forming a lightweight hollow arch. That arch is filled with concrete on site and used to support the rest of the bridge. This construction method doesn't require as much heavy equipment, uses fewer people and takes significantly less time than a traditional bridge construction project.

The bridges are projected to last a century, according to the Advanced Structures and Composites Center.

With the nation's aging bridge infrastructure in dire need of overhauls, the Bridge-in-a-Backpack could serve as a fast, less costly, long-lasting alternative to replace short- and medium-span bridges that have outlived their usefulness.

UMaine licensed the Bridge-in-a-Backpack technology to a private startup company, Advanced Infrastructure Technologies (<https://www.google.com/url?q=http://www.aitbridges.com/&sa=D&usg=AFQjCNGmGug7KmqUOvvLloeuZyymMJJZog>), which designs, markets and builds the bridges. So far, there are 18 bridges in the United States, mostly in the Northeast. A few others have been built elsewhere, including one in Trinidad.

"This award honors over a decade of groundbreaking research by Habib and the UMaine team, and highlights the importance of our continued partnership in advancing the nation's transportation industry," said AIT Chairman and CEO Brit Svoboda.

Dagher is included on 24 patents total, with eight more pending.

U.S. Sens. Collins and King congratulated Dagher on the recognition in a joint statement issued Friday.

"Dr. Dagher has long been an innovative force in Maine, and we are delighted that his work is being recognized so prominently by the White House," the senators said. "The University of Maine continues to prove that it is a first-class research institution, and Dagher and his team at the Composites Center are exemplary of that excellence."

U.S. Rep. Chellie Pingree, U.S. Rep. Bruce Poliquin, university and industry officials also commending Dagher and his team for their efforts.

"A bright future comes with a vision, a plan and a strategy to take ideas forward and make them a reality," said Peter Vigue, chairman and CEO of Cianbro. "Dr. Dagher has proven with his accomplishments that Maine's vibrant future begins by believing that we are fully capable of creating it."

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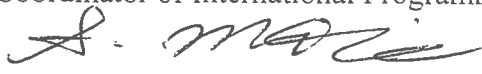
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TO: Academic Institutions & Public Schools in Maine

FROM: Sayoko Mori, Coordinator of International Programming and Outreach
Coordinator 

RE: Culturefest

Each year the University of Maine sponsors **Culturefest**, a day of activities designed to promote understanding and provide an opportunity to sample and enjoy the many cultures represented on our campus. **Culturefest** will be held on November 7, 2015, 11:00 am to 3:30 pm, in the **New Balance Student Recreation Center** at the University of Maine.

During the day there will be exhibits, food for sale, a style show, children's activities, and other events that allow international and multicultural students to share and explain their customs.

We often have groups of students from other Maine institutions attend **Culturefest** and I hope your students will join ours on Saturday, November 7th. **Culturefest** is always an energizing experience, and our committee has worked hard to provide a variety of events during the day.

The event is free and open to the public, so please join over 1500 members of campus and surrounding communities for the 28th annual Culturefest!

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

We look forward to seeing you on November 7.



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First Lady Ann LePage Promotes Maine Fall Foliage Season

Maine's First Lady Ann LePage is inviting people to explore the many regions of Maine and visit family farms this fall foliage season. In anticipation of peak fall foliage colors, the First Lady highlighted resources to help plan a trip in a video filmed recently at the Blaine House.

[Link to First Lady Ann LePage's fall foliage video](#)

The Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation, and Forestry's (DACF) employees have been reporting foliage color changing conditions since 1959. To produce the weekly report on fall foliage conditions, DACF forest rangers submit on-the-ground observations each week throughout the reporting season (September 9 through October 25). [Maine's official fall foliage Web site](#) has a number of resources, such as links to scenic byways and to the Maine Office of Tourism. The site includes a map indicating current foliage conditions with a useful foliage color key that is updated weekly. Visitors to the site can also find information on Facebook.

Generally, the northern region of Maine is at or near peak the last week of September into the first week of October. Central, southern, and western mountains are nearing peak conditions



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October 6 through October 18. Coastal Maine reaches peak conditions October 13 through 25.

Hunters for the Hungry Program

Attention hunters!

Hunters for the Hungry is a cooperative program between the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation, and Forestry. This initiative provides a means for hunters to donate all or a portion of their hunt to a family in need.

This program has been extremely beneficial to citizens, providing lean, high-protein meats to food pantries, soup kitchens, and homeless shelters.

Those wishing for more information on this program may call toll free 1-888-4DEER-ME (1-888-433-3763) or click [here](#).

Attorney General Issues Advice for Consumers Following Experian Breach of T-Mobile Users' Data

Following reports that an unauthorized party was able to gain access to an Experian server that contained the personal information of more than 15 million T-Mobile users, including 12,068 Maine residents, Maine's Attorney General offered consumers tips to guard against potential identity theft.

- Monitor your credit report. You are entitled to one free credit report every 12 months from each of the three nationwide credit bureaus. *You can request one free report from a different bureau every four months to monitor throughout the year.*
- Request that a "fraud alert" be placed on your accounts to alert you about any attempts to open a line of credit in your name by calling one of the national credit bureaus before they are approved. When you call, an initial fraud alert (90

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days) will be placed on your credit report and a free copy of your credit report will be sent to you.

- Consider placing a "security freeze" on your credit report to prohibit the release of any information from your report without your written authorization. *A freeze is currently subject to a fee; however, a new law eliminates that fee after October 15, 2015.*
- Beware of phishing attempts and unsolicited calls or e-mails offering credit monitoring or identity theft services. Consumers should never provide their Social Security number, credit card account numbers, or other personal information in response to unsolicited e-mails or calls.



If you find unexplained activity on your credit report(s), or if you believe you are the victim of identity theft, there are important steps to take to protect yourself. Contact the [Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division](#) at 1-800-436-2131, review the [Attorney General's Identity Theft Web page](#), contact regulators at the [Maine Bureau of Consumer Credit Protection](#) at 1-800-DEBT-LAW, or view the [Federal Trade Commission's](#) identity theft resource, available [here](#).

New Site Provides Online Firearms Training/Information for Gun Owners

With the passage of [Public Law 2015, Chapter 327 \(L.D. 652\)](#), "[An Act To Authorize the Carrying of Concealed Handguns without a Permit](#)," which goes into effect on October 15, a new Web site has been established to help to ensure that Maine citizens are able to easily access appropriate instruction on the handling of firearms, as well as Maine's self-defense laws.

At a recent State House press conference, a new online portal known as [SAFER \(Statewide Access to Firearms Education Resource\)](#) was unveiled. As a result, people will now be able to take a basic handgun and concealed-carry course online, and according to the site designers, individuals will be able to learn "the principles of handgun safety; the fundamentals of handguns; the practical issues surrounding concealed carry of a handgun; and the legal issues related to firearms, concealed carry, and personal defense." Additional content addresses how to move beyond the

basic introductory course and obtain hands-on training from qualified instructors, along with extending one's skills into intermediate and advanced topics.

A summary of the new concealed-carry law, put together by the Maine State Police, can be found [here](#).

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