



Veazie Town Council

Regular Meeting

**February 22nd, 2016
6:30pm**

AGENDA

- ITEM 1:** Call to Order
- ITEM 2:** Secretary to do the Roll Call
- ITEM 3:** Pledge of Allegiance
- ITEM 4:** Consideration of the Agenda
- ITEM 5:** Approval of the February 8th Regular Council Meeting Minutes
- ITEM 6:** Comments from the Public

New Business:

- ITEM 7:** Executive Session 1 M.R.S.A. 405 (6)(A) –Personnel Matter ***(expected to take approximately 30 minutes.)**
- ITEM 8:** School Board Appointment

Old Business:

- ITEM 9:** Planning Board By-Laws discussion
- ITEM 10:** Budget directive memo discussion
- ITEM 11:** Storm water Management estimate 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 #16 and Town Payroll #17, School Payroll Warrant #17 and AP School Warrant #17.
- 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 February 22, 2016 Council Meeting

- ITEM 7:** Executive session per 1 MRSA 405 (6) (A) for a personnel matter.
- ITEM 8:** Discuss and take action on a citizen involvement application received for the open position on the School Board.
- ITEM 9:** Review memo received from legal staff concerning the planning board's by-laws. This is a follow up from a previous Council meeting.
- ITEM 10:** Discuss memo dated February 22, 2016 that is directed to the members of the Budget Committee concerning FY 16/17 Budget.
- ITEM 11:** Review the estimated cost for stormwater management as provided by Stillwater Environmental Engineering. This is a follow up from a previous Council meeting.

Veazie Town Council Special Meeting
February 8th, 2016

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

Members Absent:
All present

ITEM 1: Call to order
Chairman Tammy Perry called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

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

ITEM 3: Executive Session 1 M.R.S.A.– 405 (6)(A) – Personnel Matter
Councilor Karen Walker made a motion, seconded by Councilor David King to go into Executive Session 1 M.R.S.A. 405 (6)(A)- Personnel Matter at 6:00pm. Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried.
Councilor Robert Rice made a motion, seconded by Councilor David King to exit Executive Session at 6:34pm. Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried.

ITEM 4: Adjournment
Councilor Robert Rice motioned to adjourn
Councilor David King seconded. No discussion. Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried.
Adjourned at 6:34pm

A True Copy Attest

Julie Strout, Deputy Clerk

Veazie Town Council Meeting
February 8th, 2016

Members Present: Chairman Tammy Perry, Councilor Robert Rice, Councilor Chris Bagley, Councilor Karen Walker, Councilor David King, Manager Mark Leonard, Secretary Julie Strout, Principal Matt Cyr, Phil Ruck from Stillwater Environmental Engineering, Planning Board Chair Don MacKay, Budget Committee Members Brian Perkins, Bill Masters, Judy Horten and Norma Noble and various members of the public.

Members Absent:
All present

ITEM 1: Call to order

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

ITEM 2: Secretary to do the roll call:

All present

ITEM 3: Pledge of Allegiance

ITEM 4: Consideration of the Agenda

Chairman Perry wanted Item #8 to be changed to Item #8B and add Item #8A as an Executive Session 405 (6)A- Personnel Matter-Assignment of Duties.

ITEM 5: Approval of the January 25th, 2016 Regular Council Meeting Minutes

Councilor Robert Rice made a motion, seconded by Councilor Karen Walker to approve the January 25th, 2016 regular Council Meeting Minutes as written. Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried.

ITEM 6: Comments from the public

None

New Business:

ITEM 7: Update from Phil Ruck

Mr. Ruck updated the Council on the possibility of DEP auditing the town sometime in the spring. He wanted the Council to be prepared to discuss budget increases in the MS4 line due to this audit and other changes to the original scope of work. The Council would like Mr. Ruck to provide Manager Leonard with an estimate for the proposed work that needs to be done.

ITEM 8a: Executive Session – 1 M.R.S.A.405 (6))A) – Personnel Matter- Assignment of Duties

Councilor Robert Rice made a motion, seconded by Councilor David King to go into Executive Session 1 M.R.S.A. 405 (6) (A)- Personnel Matter at 7:08pm. Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried.

Councilor Karen Walker made a motion, seconded by Councilor David King to exit Executive Session at 7:33pm. Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried.

ITEM 8b: FY 16/17 Budget Discussion

The Councilor's and Budget Committee members discussed FY 16/17 budget. The Council is in hopes to have more numbers to work with by the next meeting in order to give the Budget Committee better direction.

ITEM 9: Police Department Annual Report Presentation

Chief Leonard reviewed the Annual Report of the Veazie Police Department with the Council.

The statistics for 2015 were as follows:

Service calls increased to 3,142 in 2015, an increase of 38 calls from 2014.

Traffic violations: 384 violations in which 217 written warnings were given and 101 citations were issued.

Civil/Criminal offenses (including juveniles) 55 citations were issued.

Safety seat inspections: Officer Nichols performed 16 safety seat inspections and found 10 to be deficient.

Training hours: The total training hours for all officers was 563.

Old Business:

ITEM 10: Sign Ordinance Update

Councilor Chris Bagley made a motion, seconded by Councilor Karen Walker to approve the proposed amendments to the Town's Land Use Ordinance (Ch 15) aimed at regulating electronic or "changeable signs". Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried.

ITEM 11: Manager's Report

Manager Leonard reviewed his report with the Councilor's.

ITEM 12: Comments from the Public

Principal Cyr and Manager Leonard have prepared a Veazie/Bangor YMCA Partnership Survey that they are seeking feedback from the community. It will be posted on the town's website, email list serve, School and Town's Facebook pages and will be available in the Town Office.

ITEM 13: Requests for information and Town Council Comments

Councilor Walker wanted to thank Manager Leonard for the presentation to Pastor David Fox on Sunday for his years as Pastor for the Police Dept.

Councilor Bagley and Councilor Rice had issues with the plowing of their roads.

Manager Leonard had addressed this issue already.

The Feb 22nd Council Meeting will start at 6:30pm with an Executive Session pertaining to a personnel matter and then the Regular Meeting will follow.

ITEM 14: Review & sign of AP Town Warrant #15 and Town Payroll #16 School Payroll Warrant #15 & #16 and AP School Warrant #15 & #16.

The warrants were circulated and signed.

ITEM 15: Adjournment

Councilor Robert Rice motioned to adjourn

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

Adjourned at 9:00pm

A True Copy Attest
Julie Strout, Deputy Clerk

ITEM # 8



Citizen Involvement Application

All citizens of the Town of Veazie interested in having their names considered for appointment by the Veazie Town Council and/or the Town Manager, at such time a vacancy may occur on any Board or Special Committee, should fill out this application and return it to the Veazie Town Office.

Name Paul Messer Phone Number 207-249-1361

Address 1610 School St Veazie 04461

Civic Involvement WCS-PTO, Big Brothers Big Sisters Bowl for kids sake

Years Resided in Veazie 13

Specialty or Field Retail mgnt

Committee or Boards Interested In Veazie School committee

Additional Information

Applicants Signature: Paul Messer

By signing this document I acknowledge that I have read and agree to abide by the Committee Policy that has been adopted by the Veazie Town Council.

Date Received at Town Office: 1-27-14

ITEM # 8



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Name Carol Arnold Phone Number 990 5949
Address 1008 Buck Hill Dr., Veazie
Civic Involvement garden club
Years Resided in Veazie 19 years
Specialty or Field education
Committee or Boards Interested In education board
Additional Information

Applicants Signature: Carol L. Arnold

By signing this document I acknowledge that I have read and agree to abide by the Committee Policy that has been adopted by the Veazie Town Council.

Date Received at Town Office: 2/19/16

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February 4, 2016

Mark Leonard, Town Manager
Town of Veazie
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Re: Review of Proposed Bylaws of the Planning Board of Veazie, Maine

Dear Mark:

This letter is in response to your request that I provide input on the content of the proposed Bylaws of the Planning Board of Veazie, Maine and the process for adopting the same.

Bylaw Adoption

Quite simply, bylaws are written rules or guidelines governing a board's practice and procedures. They are intended to ensure a fair, orderly and efficient conduct of board business. They are not ordinances nor do they supersede ordinances or other laws. Ideally, they should not deal with substantive issues already dealt with by law.

In the absence of specific legislative direction to the contrary (e.g., law, charter, ordinance), boards have the authority to adopt their own bylaws or rules of practice and procedure without further legislative authority or approval. *In re Maine Clean Fuels, Inc.*, 310 A.2d 736 (Me. 1973). Having found no law, charter provision, or ordinance to the contrary, it is my opinion that the Veazie Planning Board has the authority to adopt the proposed bylaws on its own. Approval of those bylaws by the Town Council is not required. It may be helpful, however, for the Town Council to review the bylaws and confirm by Order or Resolution that the Bylaws do not otherwise exceed the Planning Board's authority.

I recommend that the Planning Board, and not the Town Council, adopt the Bylaws because inherent in the Planning Board's power to prescribe its own bylaws or rules of procedure is the power to alter those rules when necessary if helpful to achievement of the Planning Board's objectives. Given that it is impossible to foresee and address every conceivable situation that may come before the Planning Board, the Planning Board should be able to relax or modify its procedural rules, consistent with due process, to promote efficient review of matters that come before it. The Board's ability to relax or modify its procedural rules, without running

the risk of violating Council approval and, thereby, casting a cloud over the application under review, is important.

In short, I recommend that the Planning Board adopt the Bylaws and that the Town Council merely review the bylaws and confirm by Order or Resolution that the Bylaws do not otherwise exceed the Planning Board's authority.

Recommended Modifications

I also recommend that the Bylaws be revised as follows:

1. Amend Section 1.6.1 to read:

In case of extenuating circumstances, the Board may waive any provision of these bylaws by a unanimous vote of all members present and voting. The circumstances justifying the waiver shall be noted in the record.

NOTE: Sometimes, circumstances are such that it makes sense to relax or modify certain procedures. Oftentimes, those circumstances cannot be foreseen and only present themselves during the course of a proceeding. As written, the rules could not be relaxed or modified unless all members of the Planning Board were present. Accordingly, I recommend that the Bylaws be amended to reflect that only those members present and voting are included in the calculus. I also recommend that the circumstances justifying any waiver be noted in the record. Doing so, will allow for more consistency from one Planning Board to the next.

2. Delete Sections 2.1 and 2.2 and Renumber remainder of Article II.

NOTE: The Planning Board has authority to set its rules of procedures, but it does not have authority to circumscribe membership, terms, appointment and vacancies. Those issues relate to creation of the Planning Board, not its operational procedures. As such, those issues are more appropriately addressed in an ordinance or charter adopted by the Town Council. These provisions are out of place in a set of bylaws and I recommend that they be deleted in their entirety.

3. Delete Section 2.5

NOTE: Again, the Planning Board has authority to set rules of procedures for its own operation. The Planning Board does not, however, have authority to direct the actions of Town staff or the Code Enforcement Officer. Those individuals are under the exclusive control of the Town Manager and, to some extent, the Town Council. While the Planning Board can certainly make use of Town staff and the Code Enforcement Officer, as appropriate and when authorized, the Planning Board cannot, within its bylaws, direct their activities.

4. Amend Section 4.2.3 to read:

Cancellation or postponement of meetings shall be the responsibility of the Chair. ~~Town staff shall post notice~~ Notice of such cancellation or postponement shall be posted on the town website and at the town office.

NOTE: Again, the Planning Board does not have the authority to direct the activities of Town staff. That is not to say that Town staff cannot be assigned to post the notice of cancellation or postponement, only that the Planning Board does not have the authority to *compel* Town staff to do it.

5. Amend Section 4.3.3 to read:

All meetings and workshops shall be open to the public except for executive session as pursuant to Maine Revised Statutes Annotated. Workshops are open to the public, but the general public shall be barred from addressing the Board during a workshop unless a majority of Board members present permit the public to speak.

6. Amend the first sentence of Section 4.5.2 to read:

Any gathering of three or more members (whether regular or associate) outside of scheduled meetings where any Planning Board case matters are discussed, shall be avoided as it would likely be considered ex parte communication.

7. Delete the entire introductory statement under Article V.

NOTE: First, while I certainly understand the sentiment expressed in the introductory language, that language contains no enforceable standards. Indeed, the statements may serve to confuse applicants and future Planning Board members as they try to interpret the Bylaws within the context of the statements. Because the statements serve no enforceable purpose, I strongly recommend that they be deleted from the Bylaws. Second, the section contains submission instructions for the applicant, but those same instructions are already contained in the Land Use Ordinance. While I understand the desire to provide the applicant with as much instruction as possible, those additional instructions only invite confusion, especially if the procedures contained in the Land Use Ordinance are updated but the Bylaws are not. It is always preferable to have just one set of instructions and the Land Use Ordinance is the proper place for those instructions. Again, bylaws are reserved for procedures to be followed by the Planning Board.

8. Delete Sections 5.1 through 5.3.

NOTE: See comments in Paragraph No. 7, immediately above.

9. Renumber Section 5.4 to be 5.1 and subsequent sub-sections.

NOTE: If Sections 5.1 through 5.3 are deleted, as recommend, then subsequent sections must be renumbered.

10. Amend the new 5.1.1 to read:

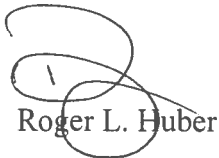
Agendas will be set one week prior to the Planning Board meeting date. ~~Applications must still be received 10 days (30 for subdivisions) prior to the Planning Board meeting date to guarantee a place on the agenda and to ensure adequate review time.~~

NOTE: See comments in Paragraph No. 7, above.

I hope this information is helpful. If you or any Planning Board members have any questions, please let me know.

Very truly yours,

FARRELL, ROSENBLATT & RUSSELL



Roger L. Huber

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Bylaws of the Planning Board of Veazie, Maine

Adopted:

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ARTICLE I – GENERAL

1.1 Purpose

The purpose of these bylaws is:

- 1.1.1 To support the Constitution of the State of Maine, the Maine Revised Statutes Annotated, Town Ordinances, and Comprehensive Plan;
- 1.1.2 To provide the Planning Board with a clear and specific legal foundation to clarify its policies, objectives, and methods;
- 1.1.3 To establish a protocol for Planning Board members to use in keeping their activities consistent and legal; and
- 1.1.4 To provide a publically accessible record outlining Planning Board procedures and policies, and to inform residents and the public of the Board's general rules and operating expectations.

1.2 Effective Date

- 1.2.1 These bylaws shall be in effect immediately upon their adoption by the Town of Veazie Planning Board.
- 1.2.2 The effective date of these bylaws is XXXXXXXXXX XX, 2016.

1.3 Jurisdiction

- 1.3.1 The provisions of these bylaws shall pertain exclusively to the Town of Veazie Planning Board (herein referred to as "the Board").
- 1.3.2 The provision of these bylaws shall not be construed to overrule or annul the provisions of other ordinances or regulations (local, state, or federal) in effect in the Town of Veazie.
- 1.3.3 Nothing in these bylaws shall be deemed to modify or supplant any provision of any ordinance or statute governing the Planning Board; and the provision of any such ordinance or statute shall remain in full force and effect and control these bylaws if they should conflict.

1.4 Adoption and Amendments

- 1.4.1 The Board shall have the power to amend these bylaws by unanimous decision at a Board meeting provided that all Board members have received written notice of potential bylaws amendments at least fourteen (14) days prior to scheduled consideration of the proposed amendment(s).
- 1.4.2 All Board members, both regular and alternate, can propose changes to and vote on amendments to these bylaws.

1.5 Severability

- 1.5.1 The invalidity of any section or provision of these bylaws shall not be held to invalidate any other section or provision of these bylaws.

1.6 Waiver of Rules

- 1.6.1 In the case of extenuating circumstances, the Board may waive any provision of these bylaws by a unanimous vote of all members present and voting. The circumstances justifying the waiver shall be noted in the record.

ARTICLE II – PLANNING BOARD OPERATIONS

2.1 Attendance

- 2.1.1 All members are expected to attend all meetings.
- 2.1.2 Attendance shall be recorded in the minutes.
- 2.1.3 When a member is not able to attend a meeting, the member shall be responsible for notifying the Board as far in advance as possible and shall request an excused absence.
- 2.1.4 When a member is not able to attend meetings for an extended period of time, the member shall discuss it with the Chair of the Board. Depending on the circumstances, an extended leave of absence may be granted or a letter of resignation may be requested.

2.2 Selection and Authority of Officers

2.2.1 Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary

- 2.2.1.1 The Chair and Vice-Chair shall be nominated and elected from the Board's regular membership.
- 2.2.1.2 The election of officers shall be held at the beginning of the Board's first meeting in the calendar year. If there are not sufficient regular members attending, the elections shall be held at the next meeting.
- 2.2.1.3 The Chair and Vice-Chair shall each be elected by a majority vote of regular members.
- 2.2.1.4 The term of the Chair and Vice-Chair shall commence immediately at the close of the meeting during which they were elected.
- 2.2.1.5 In the temporary absence or disability of the Chair and Vice-Chair, the Board shall elect by a majority vote a Chair pro tempore from among its members. The Chair pro tempore shall exercise the powers of Chair during the absence or disability of the Chair and Vice-Chair.
- 2.2.1.6 Upon the vacancy of the Chair or Vice-Chair, a special election shall be held by the Board to fill such vacancy.
- 2.2.1.7 Secretary shall be responsible for recording minutes for meetings and hearings.

ARTICLE III – DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- 3.1 The Board shall prepare and maintain the Comprehensive Plan in accordance with the current Maine Revised Statute Annotated title and section requirements. The Board shall prepare and recommend adoption or amendments to the Comprehensive Plan to the Town Council for consideration to send to Town Meeting.
- 3.2 The Board shall perform such duties and exercise such powers as are provided by the State of Maine Constitution, the laws of the State of Maine, Town Ordinances, and other laws or regulations that may be applicable.
- 3.3 The Board shall develop and maintain all land use and related ordinances.

ARTICLE IV – MEETING PROCEDURES AND RULES

4.1 General Conduct

All meetings, workshops, and public hearings will be conducted in an orderly fashion at the Chair's direction and discretion, guided by Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised.

4.2 Time of Meeting

- 4.2.1 Regular meetings shall be held generally on the third Monday of each month at the Veazie Municipal Building.
- 4.2.2 Special meetings shall be called by the Chair only. Notice of at least seventy-two (72) hours prior to the time set for a special meeting shall be given each member.
- 4.2.3 Cancellation or postponement of meetings shall be the responsibility of the Chair. Notice of such cancellation or postponement shall be posted on the town website and at the town office.

4.3 Conduct of Meetings and Workshops

- 4.3.1 All meetings shall be conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order in all cases to which they are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws.
- 4.3.2 A quorum is required in order to conduct a meeting in all cases except for postponement and adjournment. A quorum shall consist of three regular members or alternate members for the transaction of all official business.
- 4.3.3 All meetings and workshops shall be open to the public except for executive sessions as pursuant to Maine Revised Statutes Annotated. Workshops are open to the public, but the general public shall be barred from addressing the Board during a workshop unless a majority of Board members present permit the public to speak.
- 4.3.4 All comments addressed to the Board shall be made through the Chair.
- 4.3.5 All decisions must be based on whether the applicant has provided sufficient evidence to prove that all applicable law and ordinance requirements have been met.
- 4.3.6 All actions of the Board shall be determined by a vote. A majority vote of the quorum present is needed to pass any motion and in no event shall a motion pass without a minimum of three votes in the affirmative. When a motion results in a tie, the motion fails.
- 4.3.7 The Secretary shall record all motions, seconds, and votes thereon.
- 4.3.8 Executive sessions may be entered into upon a vote of at least a majority of the members present and voting.

4.4 Conflict of Interest

Conflict of Interest means direct or indirect pecuniary interest.

- 4.4.1 Direct pecuniary interest shall be when the applicant is a member of the Board or an owner of property that is the subject of an application or is directly affected by the Board's decision.

- 4.4.2 Indirect pecuniary interest shall be when the Board member has an interest in the application due to being an officer, director, partner, associate, employee or stockholder of a corporate applicant, or other business entity. Also included shall be when a Board member is a part of the applicant's immediate family, an employer or employee of the applicant or the applicant's immediate family. Immediate family shall mean spouse, parents, siblings, children, and grandchildren.
- 4.4.3 Pecuniary interest shall also include a situation where the Board member, by reason of his/her interest is placed in a situation that may be viewed as temptation to serve his/her own personal interest instead of the public's interest.
- 4.4.4 The decision of whether a member shall be disqualified from voting on a particular matter shall be made by a majority vote of the remaining members present. For the Board to decide that pecuniary interest exists, a significant impact on the Board member, his/her family, employee and/or employer must exist.
- 4.4.5 The Board member shall make full disclosure of his/her interest, on the record, prior to any action being taken and shall abstain from voting and from other wise attempting to influence a decision in his/her capacity as a Board member.
- 4.4.6 If a Board member abstains, he/she has the right to participate as a member of the public.

4.5 Ex Parte Communication

Ex Parte Communication is "an oral or written communication not on the public record with respect to which reasonable prior notice to all parties is not given..." and shall be avoided.

- 4.5.1 All Board members shall refrain from discussing pending or potential applications with each other outside of the Board meetings. Communications with residents regarding pending applications or potential applications shall also be avoided. Where communications take place inadvertently, they must be disclosed completely to the Board in the next scheduled public session. This includes all email communication.
- 4.5.2 Any gathering of three (3) or more members (whether regular or associate) outside of scheduled meetings where any Planning Board case matters are discussed, shall be avoided as it would likely be considered Ex Parte Communication. Any inadvertent gathering where Planning Board case matters were inadvertently discussed, shall be reported publicly and completely at the next scheduled meeting for purposes of proper disclosure.
- 4.5.3 No Board member may conduct site visits to project locations. All such visits must be conducted as part of a scheduled Planning Board Site Visit.
- 4.5.4 No determination of the Board shall be made except in a duly called regular or special meeting and every decision or determination of the Board shall be filed as a part of the minutes of the meeting.
- 4.5.5 A duly called and scheduled site visit shall be considered a special meeting. Minutes of such meeting shall be kept by the Chair or Chair's designee.

4.6 Public Hearings

Public hearings will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the relevant town ordinance and applicable state laws. The following procedures apply unless waived by a majority vote of the regular members of the Board.

- 4.6.1 All public hearings shall be electronically recorded and the recording of the hearings kept in the permanent record of the Board.
- 4.6.2 All information submitted, recordings, and other materials made part of the public hearing shall be maintained as part of the permanent record of the hearing. Costs of transcription of the hearing shall be borne by the party requesting the transcript.
- 4.6.3 Major proponents and opponents shall be encouraged to present written information for distribution in advance and at such public hearing.
- 4.6.4 All interested parties shall be given an opportunity to be heard. The Chair may limit discussion to new information and pertinent information. The order of presentations shall be as follows unless the Chair decides otherwise:
 - 1) Major proponent – twenty (20) minute limitation
 - 2) Other proponent – five (5) minute limitation
 - 3) Major opponent – twenty (20) minute limitation
 - 4) Other opponent – five (5) minute limitation
 - 5) Appropriate town officials
 - 6) Rebuttal – five (5) minute limitation

ARTICLE V – DEVELOPMENT OF AGENDA

5.1 Agendas

- 5.1.1 Agendas will be set one week prior to the Planning Board meeting date.
- 5.1.2 Order of Business:
 - Public Hearing (if any)
 - Call to Order
 - Roll Call
 - Minutes
 - Unfinished Business
 - New Business
 - Staff Reports
 - Planning Board Comments
 - Public Access
 - Adjournment
- 5.1.3 Meeting notices shall be posted on the town website and at the town office prior to the meeting, no less than forty-eight (48) hours before the meeting.

BUDGET MEMO

TO: Budget Committee Members Jeff Wheelden, Brian Perkins, William Masters, Judy Horten, and Norma Noble
FROM: Veazie Town Council
SUBJECT: FY 16/17 Budget
DATE: February 22, 2016

Below is a summary of the budget discussion at the February 8, 2016 Town Council meeting.

Overall goal: Last year, the mil rate increased from 17.75 to 18.40. Our goal for this year is to have a mil rate at or under 18.40. As you work on the budget, we would like you to keep the following things in mind:

- Approximately 20% or more of our citizens live below poverty level with many more living at or around poverty level.

Funding Decreases/Expense Increases

- The town will be losing approximately \$45,000 in revenue because of changes to exemptions.
- Our MS4 (stormwater program required by the EPA) is facing increases with the amount unknown at this time. We will have an estimate soon. We will check to see if TIF money can be used for this.
- County taxes are increasing.
- Revenue is uncertain at this time and will be for the immediate future.

Funding Increases

- The school will be receiving approximately \$93,000 more from the state than last year.

Notes about the Municipal Budget (Except for the School)

- We are not adamant about “flatlining” budgets this year. That is why we are looking at keeping the overall mil rate constant rather than individual department budgets.
- Our expenses, such as insurances, keep increasing. To compensate, we have cut many things. We cannot cut below what is necessary for our departments to function effectively for the citizens.
- As a result of these cuts we have underpaid employees. We would like realistic budgets that allowing for some salary increases at the discretion of the town manager and based on performance.

Notes about the School Budget

- In addition to the state increase above, the school has surplus funds of nearly \$500,000.
- Principal Cyr is working hard to decrease the budget.
- The school looked into tuitioning middle school children to Bangor at a decreased expense (savings of approximately \$73,000) and which has the bonus of a more extensive curriculum.. The School Committee opted to keep middle school children in Veazie with the hope that the school would be the hub of the community.

Manager's Report For February 22, 2016 Council Meeting

Since the last council meeting I have been working on a few different projects which are outlined below.

I attended Pastor Dave Fox's last service as he is retiring from the Veazie Church. I presented him with a plaque for the time he served as the Minister for the Police Department.

I have met with Lloyd Hopkins from Hopkins Paving/Landscaping regarding paving the Town roads. We drove throughout the Town looking at which roads needs paving/repair. Lloyd will supply me with pricing to pave such roads during the next paving season. Once that pricing is received, we can determine which roads should be added to the budget.

The community survey regarding partnering with the Y has been mailed to residents. Principal Cyr and I will review the surveys once they are returned to determine our next steps.

During a routine check of emergency lighting at the community center it was found that some of them needed repair. Two (2) lights were replaced and four (4) lights were repaired.

I met with two (2) representatives from WBRC at the Community Center so they could view the interior of the building. This will help them to provide the Town with an updated cost to remodel the first floor of the building.

The yearly evaluations for our municipal employees have been completed. I am now working on the Police Department evaluations as well as the Fire Department with the help of the Assistant Fire Chief.

I continue to work with the Assistant Fire Chief to update the Standard Operating Guidelines (SOG's) for the Fire Department.

Barney Silver provided me with the cost of replacing the storm drain on Oak Grove at the same time as the requested sewer work in which I provided to Superintendent McLaughlin. I have spoken to James Parker from the Sewer District and Rob Tomilson from the Sewer District Board of Trustees regarding the CDBG Grant they are applying for. A public hearing is scheduled to be held on February 29th at 6:30 PM at the Town Office in regards to the grant request.

I met with the new Executive Director of the Pine Tree Chapter of the American Red Cross. Numerous items were discussed including how we could use the services of the Red Cross better in the future. We will continue to try and find new ways to use the services.

I have been audited by the Department of Health and Human Services concerning my administration of the Town of Veazie's General Assistance. Following the audit I was found to be in complete compliance.

I surveyed the Town for damage from the wind storm that we experienced. I located numerous trees and or branches that had been blown down. I requested the services of Lou Silver to go around and clean up such trees.

Manager's Report For February 22, 2016 Council Meeting

I also attended an area Managers meeting in Hampden to discuss the proposed contracts from MRC/Fiberwright and PERC concerning municipal solid waste.

Attachments:

State of the State

Rep Lyford's newsletter dated Feb 9th

Thank you card to Police Department

Bangor Daily News article on School Board Position

Bangor Daily News article on local business

Exit Conference/Review Findings from GA Ordinance

Rep Lyford's newsletter dated Feb 18th



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February 8, 2016

Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau
President of the Senate
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Augusta, ME 04333

Honorable Mark W. Eves
Speaker of the House
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Speaker Eves, Senate President Thibodeau and Members of the 127th Legislature:

As you know, I have chosen to forego the pomp and circumstance of a live speech so we can spend our time and energy on what truly matters: getting work done for the Maine people.

The Legislature has already wasted so much time over the past year—and with Mainers dying every day from the drug crisis—now is not the time to let pageantry distract you from your important work.

Legislators claim they come to Augusta to work for the Maine people, but far too many have come to play political games that have nothing to do with the Maine people and everything to do with their next election.

For the past year, socialist politicians in Augusta have been dragging my Administration's employees before a kangaroo court and plotting meaningless impeachment proceedings. While your colleagues were engaged in these silly public relations stunts, Mainers were literally dying on the streets.

Socialists, career politicians and their allies in media have criticized my Administration every single day for the past five years, but the Maine people are tired of the games. They're not interested in sound bites and photo ops. They want to hear what we're doing to make our state prosper.

That's why I'm holding town hall meetings around the state until Election Day in November. The Maine people need to know that for five years we've been trying to convince the Legislature to move our state from poverty to prosperity. This is what our state deserves—the Maine people deserve it.

We know our proposals and reforms will stimulate the economy. We've seen similar initiatives work all over the country. In the past 45 years, I've implemented similar reforms in many businesses, large and small, and they do work.



The Top 10 most prosperous states in the nation have embraced these common-sense policies. The Top 10 least prosperous states—including Maine—have absolutely refused them. It's not about good policy. It's about ideology.

First, it was liberal ideology. Now it's socialism. The steadfast adherence to ideology above all else, including prosperity for the Maine people, has prevented opportunities for our state to succeed and grow.

The current ideology is far out of the mainstream and has failed miserably in countries around the world. The efforts by Maine socialists to turn our state into Greece, Cuba, Venezuela or the former Soviet Union are moving us backwards at a rapid pace. Socialism is blockading our path to prosperity. It's time to put it aside and work toward prosperity for all Mainers.

I've talked to thousands of Maine people in the past five years. They want us to work to reduce their tax burden, reform welfare so it benefits the truly needy, lower electricity rates so employers can create jobs, find ways to keep our young people here and eradicate the drug crisis that is ravaging our state.

The Maine people know I'm in my office every day, working hard to keep them safe and to move this state from poverty to prosperity. Way too much effort in Augusta is spent taking properties off the local tax rolls, which only raises local property taxes.

If you stop the gamesmanship, we can work together to accomplish great things. We know what the problems are, and we have solutions for them. But we need to work together to get it done. If you join me in moving Maine forward, you can take all the credit and do the photo ops. I just want what's right for the Maine people.

Welfare Reform

We have been working on common-sense welfare reform for five years, but liberal—and now socialist—politicians still refuse to finish the job. Despite their opposition, we have reigned in the state's formerly out-of-control Medicaid spending. No longer is there a budget-wrecking crisis every year because of runaway Medicaid spending. The Legislature and the media have purposely ignored just how significant this achievement has been to the state's budget.

We now adhere to federal law when providing TANF and SNAP benefits. No longer can you spend a lifetime on TANF, and no longer can you get food stamps without working, volunteering or going to school. However, we need to either pay the federal government \$29 million in fines or change our laws to comply with federal statutes. The days of ignoring federal law are over. Even President Obama has lost patience with the Maine socialists.

We put photos on EBT cards and cracked down on where you can use them. They no longer show up at drug busts. We now drug test welfare recipients who are suspected of or who have admitted to prior drug use. You use, you lose. If you need help, we will be there to assist you. But if you want to keep using, taxpayers are not going to pay for your out-of-control habit.

In 2015, the welfare fraud unit at DHHS sent 105 cases to the Attorney General's Office for prosecution, totaling \$1.2 million in theft of welfare benefits. The Maine people know welfare fraud is not anecdotal. It is real, and it is costing hard-working Mainers millions of their tax dollars.

However, the Attorney General only prosecuted 36 cases. She is ignoring the desire of the Maine people to eliminate welfare fraud. Instead, she tries to run the state through legal machinations from her partisan position.

Despite our success, Maine has fallen from the Number 1 welfare state in the nation only to the Number 3 slot. We need to be in the middle of the pack, not in the top tier. There is much more work to be done, and we cannot do it without your help.

However, the Legislature has been resistant to enacting meaningful welfare reform. So we will continue to push to completely reform Maine's welfare system once and for all. We will not provide welfare benefits that go over and above those allowed by federal law.

The Maine people demand it. These common-sense reforms are:

- Able-bodied adults must seek work before qualifying for welfare benefits.
- No TANF spending on tobacco, liquor, gambling, lotteries, tattoos, bail, travel services or sending money to foreign nations using services like Western Union.
- Alternative aid limited to 60 months, like TANF is.
- No use of EBT cards at smoke shops.
- No General Assistance, TANF, SNAP and SSI for non-citizens.
- No broad exemptions for federal work requirements in TANF. (*The domestic violence exemption will remain.*)
- A waiver to eliminate junk food from SNAP.
- No TANF and SNAP for felons convicted of drug-trafficking.
- Drug testing for all welfare recipients, not just those suspected of or who admitted to prior drug use.

These reforms will free up resources for Maine to create a safety net for our most vulnerable: the mentally and physically disabled and, most importantly, our elderly who have worked so hard their whole lives and now need our help to live out their final years in safety and comfort. **The current wait list must be eliminated.**

At my town halls, I urge all Mainers to tell you to support these common-sense welfare reforms. And remember, elections have consequences. Make sure your rhetoric on welfare reform matches your voting record.

Lowering the Income Tax

I've been saying it for five years: Maine's tax structure is outdated, it is holding us back, and it needs to be fixed. The solution is simple: just look at the most prosperous states in the nation and do what they are doing.

States with the most prosperity have the lowest income tax rates or no income tax, including Alaska, Florida, South Dakota and Texas—even our neighbor New Hampshire. This is not anecdotal; it's fact.

Rather than debating a minimum wage, I want to give a pay raise to all working Mainers: eliminating the income tax will put \$900 million back in the paychecks of Mainers. It's the biggest wage increase they can get.

Despite what the socialists—and the media—say, we aren't trying to eliminate the income tax all at once. We can do it over time. We can reduce Maine's individual tax rate to 4% over four years, from 2018 to 2021.

The income tax cut can be aligned with the natural growth of revenue for state government. We do not need to rely on the politicians' typical budget gimmicks or unrealistic revenue projections. We do not have to increase spending or grow the size of government.

Beginning in 2024, we can use the revenue from the new liquor contract we negotiated—which has already far exceeded expectations—to lower the individual income tax rate to 0% over time. We will also need a moderate adjustment to the sales tax.

We can export this moderate sales tax increase to the tens of millions of visitors who come to Maine every year. It's a very small price for them to pay to come enjoy all our wonderful state has to offer. We also need to eliminate the death tax once and for all. It is driving away Maine's wealthiest job creators.

You all know some of these people. Many have told me they want to remain as Maine residents, but we tax them too much. Why should they leave behind an estate they worked to build over their lifetime, only to have it unfairly confiscated by state government?

So they go to Florida, become residents there and take their wealth with them. How does this help the Maine economy?

We must send the message that we appreciate them, we are thankful for the jobs they have created and we want them—and their assets—to stay in Maine.

High Electricity Prices are Costing Mainers Good Jobs

We've been saying it for five years: Maine's electricity prices are not competitive. My Administration has made progress to lower heating costs with modern heating systems, and lower oil prices are providing some relief. But the high cost of electricity in the manufacturing and industrial sectors continues to kill good jobs for Mainers.

We have dozens of letters from well-respected Maine companies telling us that high energy costs make it difficult—if not impossible—to do business here. Maine's electric rates are 12th highest in the country, and the Legislature is making it worse. Special interests are constantly lobbying for carve-outs and above-market contracts to benefit themselves. Incredibly, last year the Legislature thought it was a good idea to sign more long-term contracts for above-market rates.

Current market rates are at 4 to 5 cents per kilowatt on average. But the Legislature **forced** the PUC to sign long-term contracts for 20 years at prices ranging from 8.3 to 10 cents per kilowatt before distribution and transmission. Now we know the exact price of their failure to protect Mainers: \$38 million has been added to your costs for the above-market contracts.

Instead of artificially increasing electric bills, legislators should focus on lowering rates for the Maine people. Lower electricity rates would help attract employers to our state and lower the cost of living and working in our state. The Maine people deserve a break, not the wealthy special interests in Augusta, who profit off our hardworking middle class.

Socialists love to subsidize new wind and solar energy projects because they think it will save the earth, but that kind of expensive and inefficient energy benefits only a few wealthy investors, and our electrical generation is already one of the cleanest in the country. Instead, let's support the existing Maine-based biomass infrastructure that is already in place to take advantage of our plentiful natural resource: wood.

The biomass industry creates good jobs for Mainers, ranging from loggers and truckers to mill workers and lumber yard crews. Biomass facilities are often the largest taxpayers in small towns, and biomass reduces our reliance on fossil fuels. Let's help our economy and all Mainers, rather than artificially limiting sources of inexpensive energy.

Meanwhile, my Administration continues to make progress working with other New England states to expand hydropower and natural gas into our region. Right now there is construction underway to expand our pipelines into New England, and clean and affordable hydropower is right next door in Quebec.

It's time to switch off expensive energy. We must plug into the affordable reserves of nearby natural gas and hydropower. We must be willing to transmit hydropower to the states south of us.

How many more Mainers must lose their jobs before the Legislature wakes up and takes action?

Reducing Student Debt, Attracting Youth

We continue our focus on reducing taxes, lowering energy costs and attracting companies that create good jobs. When successful, those businesses will need workers. We must make sure our young people can stay here to fill those jobs.

Student debt is crippling our young people. Some have so much debt, they cannot afford to buy homes and start families. Too many have moved out of state to find better-paying jobs so they can manage their debt. We need to keep them here.

We have worked with FAME so they can now consolidate or refinance student loans at very low interest rates. We would like to see FAME sell a \$10 million bond so they can issue no-interest student loans—the state can pick up the interest.

We need a commitment from Augusta politicians to help relieve student debt. Socialists want government to provide free education for everyone—and they will hike your taxes to pay for it. My plan would pay for itself and grow the economy.

We think the private sector should be a partner in reducing student debt and attracting young workers. We submitted a bill that offers a dollar-for-dollar tax credit to any business that pays off a student loan for an employee. Not-for-profit employees will be given the credit directly.

If a business pays off \$100,000 in student loans, it will get a \$100,000 credit on its income tax. We need bold initiatives and immediate action to keep young Mainers here and attract other young people to our state. This is the only way to lower the median age of the Maine people.

Fighting the Drug Crisis

We cannot wait any longer to find and arrest drug dealers. They are killing the very young people we need to live and work in Maine.

Heroin and other deadly drugs are raging in our state, and it is killing Mainers every week. You have seen the terrifying statistics from 2015:

- 231 people died from drug-related overdoses.
- 265 heroin-related arrests—plus the ripple effect of domestic violence assaults, burglaries and other crimes.
- 1,013 babies born drug addicted and/or affected.
- 56 meth lab incidents.

Why has the Legislature been so slow to act on this pandemic? If 231 Mainers died of food poisoning last year, the legislators would have immediately hired an army of food inspectors, passed laws for stricter penalties and somehow found millions in their budget to fund their initiatives, all the while patting themselves on the back for a job well done.

But with Mainers literally dropping dead on the streets, where is your outrage? The Legislature delayed for a year-and-a-half the hiring of just 10 MDEA agents—when we really need 20. The State Police are 45 positions short, mainly because their pay is so low. The same is true for all law enforcement officers in other state agencies.

Legislators found millions to adorn their “Christmas tree” with pet projects last July, but they only funded a Band-Aid approach to a crisis that is killing hundreds of our friends and neighbors. Either they are so intent on depriving the Administration of credit for actually fighting this crisis or they are so focused on their socialist ideology they are ignoring the reality surrounding them.

We absolutely agree Maine needs a multi-pronged approach to this crisis, involving law enforcement, treatment and education. The Legislature is moving too slowly on all three fronts, so we are working on a comprehensive plan. It should be approved this session.

However, we can get more law enforcement agents on the street much more quickly to hunt down and arrest these dealers from out-of-state, highly organized and ruthless drug gangs who are using Maine as their street corner. We can disrupt the supply and make Maine the toughest state in nation on drug crimes with much stronger penalties.

We must send a strong message that Maine has zero tolerance for drugs. If a dealer sells the drug that kills a Mainer, we should treat it as a homicide. The penalty for dealing drugs should be decades behind bars. You won’t deal death in our state.

We need fewer sound bites on this deadly pandemic and much more action. The lives of your constituents quite literally depend on it. This plague is not contained by socioeconomic status—it affects

every family in the state, including yours. Next week, it could be your brother or sister, son or daughter, cousin or friend.

Again, I am urging the Maine people to find out who their legislators are. If you want lower taxes, more welfare reform, reduced energy costs, affordable student debt and a get-tough approach to the drug crisis, Mainers must contact their elected officials and hold them accountable.

Politicians are supposed to represent the Maine people, not special interests, not lobbyists and not a foreign socialist ideology.

To the Maine people, I say this: If you want to improve our economy, if you truly want to prosper, then you have to change the culture in Augusta. Vote for those candidates who will work for you. Hold them accountable; demand their attention.

Finally, this is no longer about the State of the State. With a staggering \$20 trillion of debt, the state of our country is in crisis. The federal government is in danger of further eroding its credit due to the principal and interest payments required to service this massive, almost unimaginable, debt. We are approaching national insolvency. This is not the kind of country we envisioned for our children and grandchildren to live in. They deserve better—much better.

Now, let's get to work.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Paul R. LePage", written in a cursive style.

Paul R. LePage
Governor

February 9, 2016 Legislative Update from
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39 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0039

Maine Legislative Memorial Scholarship

The Maine Legislative Memorial Scholarship Fund was created by the Maine Legislature to annually recognize one student from each county who is currently pursuing or is planning to pursue their education at a two-year or four-year degree-granting Maine college or technical school. This scholarship is available for full or part-time students. An eligible recipient must be a Maine resident who is accepted to or enrolled in a two- or four-year degree-granting Maine college or technical school that is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges.

Awards are made on the basis of academic excellence, contributions to community and employment, financial need, letters

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of recommendation, and an essay of 300 words or less from the applicant that explains his or her educational goals and intentions.

All application components must be submitted and postmarked, if applicable, by April 15, 2016 to the following address: Maine Education Services, Attn.: The Maine Legislative Memorial Scholarship Fund, 131 Presumpscot Street, Portland, ME 04103.



Awards will be made directly to the applicant after successful completion of the first semester of school. The Maine Legislative Memorial Scholarship Committee will announce scholarship winners for the 2015 applicants in the spring of 2016. Scholarships may be deferred for one year if this is to the student's financial advantage.

All funds for the Scholarship have been raised through an annual auction held in Augusta. Legislators, staff, and lobbyists participate in the event by soliciting and making donations, organizing, and even "auctioneering". Hundreds of items are donated, many of them "made in Maine", such as sardines, paintings, and weekend get-a-ways. The auctions have been a tremendous success, making it possible for 16 students to receive as much as a \$1,000 award.

For more information on this scholarship program, please [click here](#).

2015 Compendium of State Fiscal Information

The Legislature's Office of Fiscal and Program Review recently released the 2015 Compendium of State Fiscal Information through fiscal year ending June 30, 2015. A .pdf version can be downloaded [here](#).

The Compendium contains a summary of major taxes and revenue sources, as well as a breakdown of State revenues and expenditures, a synopsis on bonded debt, information pertaining to our unfunded actuarial liability, details about General Fund reserve funds, State and local tax burden data, and facts with reference to authorized positions.

If you are looking for a one-stop resource of specifics regarding State finances, the 2015 Compendium of State Fiscal Information has it all.

Maine State Museum

To help make Maine's rich natural and cultural heritage meaningful and inspiring, the Education and Visitor Services division at the Maine State Museum works to engage people of all ages to connect their unique experiences with the Museum's collections and exhibits.

You are encouraged to participate in one of the institution's dynamic and diverse programs or tours by spending time at the Museum. There are no admission or program charges for public, private, or parochial school groups.

You can sign up to arrange a group tour of the Museum, the State House, and/or the Blaine House by [clicking here](#).

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Veazie seeking school board candidates (<https://bangordailynews.com/2016/02/11/news/bangor/veazie-seeking-school-board-candidates/>)

By Dawn Gagnon (<https://bangordailynews.com/author/dawn-gagnon/>), BDN Staff
Posted Feb. 11, 2016, at 8:49 a.m.

VEAZIE, Maine — The town is seeking applicants for a position on the school board that opened up when Chairman Gavin Batchelder moved to another community, rendering him ineligible for the Veazie post.

Town Manager Mark Leonard said the Town Council likely will fill the position during its Feb. 22 meeting.

Residents interested in serving on the school board should fill out a citizen involvement application available at the town office or for submission or download from the town's website (https://www.google.com/url?q=http://www.veazie.net/public_documents/VeazieME_WebDocs/citizenapp&sa=D&ust=1455201870422000&usg=AFQjCNHl_uYS-ViSMEfSPlopGgyuhnOXrg), Leonard said.

<https://bangordailynews.com/2016/02/11/news/bangor/veazie-seeking-school-board-candidates/>
(<https://bangordailynews.com/2016/02/11/news/bangor/veazie-seeking-school-board-candidates/>) printed on February 12, 2016

MAINE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
GENERAL ASSISTANCE
EXIT CONFERENCE/REVIEW FINDINGS

County of

Penobscot

Municipality of

Yorbe

Administrator

Mark Leonard

Auditor

Ellen D. Moore

Number of Cases

10

Notice

yes

Ordinance

11-12-13
2013

Law

yes

Period Reviewed

2015-2016

*The municipality of Yorbe is in compliance
with state statutes & DHHS policy*

Field Examiner

Mark D. Moore

GA Administrator/Authorized Representative

[Signature]

Date

2-16-16

Date

2/16/16

Your signature does not signify agreement with the review findings, but only serves to indicate that the review findings have been discussed with you. You have 10 days from the date of the exit conference to submit written comments to the Department prior to a final determination of non-compliance. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Integrated Access and Support, State House Station # 11, 19 Union Street, Augusta, ME 04333

February 18, 2016 Legislative Update from
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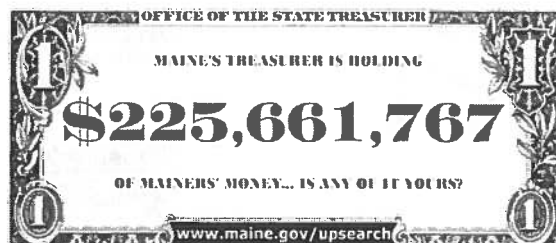
One number, thousands of services -- 2-1-1 is an easy-to-remember number that serves as a health, social economic, and human services resource aid to those looking for answers or assistance. It encompasses a statewide directory of over 8,000 resources, including agency services and support groups accessible through its Web site, www.211maine.org.

The 2-1-1 call center is easily reached 24 hours a day, seven days a week across Maine and is accessible from cell phones, pay phones, and phone service provided by Internet carriers.



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accounts, certificates of deposit, overpayments, gift certificates, paid-up life insurance policies, unpaid wages, commissions, uncashed checks, death benefits, dividends, insurance payments, money orders, refunds, savings accounts, stocks, and contents of safe deposit boxes. Unclaimed property does not include real estate, animals, or vehicles.

Millions of dollars are turned over annually to the State of Maine by entities who cannot locate the owners. There is no fee charged to process your property claim.

To search for unclaimed property, please visit [Unclaimed Property Search and Claim](#). If you find your name on the list, you can make a claim by filing online or you may print a [claim form](#) and mail it to Office of the Maine State Treasurer, Attn: Unclaimed Property, 39 State House Station, Augusta ME 04333-0039. Some claims may take up to 90 days to process. Claims involving stocks or mutual funds may take considerably longer.

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of the Maine State Treasurer at (207) 624-7470 or send an e-mail to up.generalinguire@maine.gov.

2016 Maine SILC Disability Survey

The Maine Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC) is dedicated to ensuring that citizens with disabilities have control over their lives and environments with equal access to options, opportunities, and choices as do all citizens.

This organization is now looking for your input before April 22. Your answers are essential as efforts are made to plan how Maine people can become more independent. The valuable data from this questionnaire with respect to Maine's disabled community will be compiled and shared in the near future.

The applicable survey can be found online [here](#)

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The Maine Military Family Assistance Center (MFAC) is critical in providing support to geographically-dispersed military families who are unable to access services at a local base, installation, or fort.

This holds especially true during long- and short-term deployments and mobilizations of a service member. The Maine MFAC serves military members and their families from all branches and statuses (active, TPU, retired, veteran). Military Family Assistance Center specialists are available 24/7 for assistance and resource referral for military families!



Its Six Essential Services

1. Community Information & Referral: They can connect you with community resources that can help with your needs, as well as get you connected with your Family Readiness Group (FRG).
2. Financial Resources & Referral: They can help you understand your military pay/LES; help you apply for a Foundation Fund grant; or connect you with their personal financial counselors.
3. ID cards & Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) Referral: Need a new ID card and not sure where to go? Give them a call for DEERS Rapids locations and ID card stations.
4. Legal Resources & Referral: They can connect you with JAG or civilian resources for powers of attorney/wills, Service Members Civil Relief Act (SCRA), and Employer Support of the Guard and Reserves (ESGR).
5. TRICARE Medical and Dental Resources & Referral: Including medical and dental benefits, medical and dental applications, and locating providers.
6. Crisis Intervention & Referral: They can help you navigate situations of domestic abuse, child abuse/neglect, danger to self and/or others, or abuse/neglect of a vulnerable adult.

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Visit us in person! Our staff have FOUR locations in which to serve you.

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Augusta Armory
179 Western Ave.
Augusta, ME 04330
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