

Veazie Town Council

Regular Meeting/Public Hearing

April 25th, 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 April 11th Regular Council Meeting Minutes and April 13th Special Council Meeting

Minutes.

ITEM 6:

Comments from the Public

New Business:

ITEM 7:

Public Hearing on proposed Land Swap with Davis Family, LLC.

ITEM 8:

Davis Property Transfer

ITEM 9:

FY 16/17 Goals and Objectives Progress

ITEM 10:

Schedule Special Meeting for Budget Discussion

Old Business:

ITEM 11:

Update on Land Acquisition

ITEM 12:

Executive Session 1 MRSA (6)(E) – Consultation with Attorney

ITEM 13:

Municipal Solid Waste follow up

ITEM 14:

Manager's Report

ITEM 15:

Comments from the Public

ITEM 16:

Requests for information and Town Council Comments

ITEM 17:

Review & Sign of AP Town Warrant #20 and Town Payroll #21, School Payroll Warrant #22 and AP

School Warrant #22.

ITEM 18:

Adjournment

Tammy Perry 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 April 25, 2016 Council Meeting

The following are brief explanations of some of the items on the agenda:

ITEM 7: The Council will hold a public hearing concerning the proposed land swap between Davis LLC and the Town of Veazie. Included is two maps of the property involved in the proposed swap. One is an aerial view encompassing both pieces of property and the additional map includes the specific piece that would be conveyed from the Town to Davis, LLC.

ITEM 8: In accordance with Article 00.02.09 of the Town of Veazie Charter an ordinance regarding the conveyance of municipal property to Davis, LLC has been prepared by the Town's legal staff. A copy of the prepared ordinance and a copy of the article have been included for review. Additionally, release deeds have been prepared for both pieces of property and will be available for review.

ITEM 9: The Council will review the progress they have made on FY 16/17 goals and objectives. A copy of the goals and objectives have been enclosed for review.

ITEM 10: In accordance with the Town of Veazie Charter a special meeting will need to be scheduled to review the budget so that it can be prepared for the public hearing which is scheduled for May 9th.

ITEM 11: An update will be provided on the progress of the proposed land acquisition between the Town of Veazie and the Penobscot River Restoration

ITEM 12: The Council will hold an Executive Session Pursuant to 1 MRSA-405(6) (E) -- Consultation with Attorney.

ITEM 13: The Council will hold a follow up discussion concerning municipal solid waste options after April 2018. As requested a copy of an independent review that was done by the Law Firm Perkins Thompson on major provisions of the MRC and PERC Agreements has been included. It should be noted that since this review the PERC and MRC agreements have changed. MRC's change is the date needed for signing the joiner agreement. Previously, signature was needed by May 1, 2016 but that date has been extended to June 30, 2016. Finalized agreements to date for both PERC and MRC are available for review.

Veazie Town Council Meeting April 11th, 2016

Members Present: Chairman Tammy Perry, Councilor Robert Rice, Councilor Chris Bagley, Councilor Karen Walker, Councilor David King, Manager Mark Leonard, Secretary Julie Strout, Laura Rose Day from Penobscot River Trust, Karen Marysdaughter from Solarize, Town Assessor Ben Birch, Planning Board Members Don MacKay, Anthony Cappuccio and Andy Brown and various members of the public.

Members Absent:

All present

ITEM 1: Call to order

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

ITEM 2: Secretary to do the roll call:

All present

ITEM 3: Pledge of Allegiance

ITEM 4: Consideration of the Agenda

Change #12 to #12B as River Restoration follow up and make #12A as Executive Session 1 MRSA 405 (6)(E) Legal Counsel.

ITEM 5: Approval of the March 28th, 2016 Regular Council Meeting Minutes

Councilor Karen Walker made a motion, seconded by Councilor Chris Bagley to approve the March 28th, 2016 Regular Council Meeting Minutes as amended. Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried.

ITEM 6: Comments from the public

None

New Business:

ITEM 7: Solarize Project

Karen Marysdaughter updated the Council on the Solarize Project. The Council agreed to promote the service via newsletter, email list serve and website, but not endorse it as a town.

ITEM 8: Assessor Update

Ben Birch reviewed his Assessor's Update with the Council.

ITEM 9: Draft RFP/Scope of Work for Consultant Ref. Comp. Plan Update

Don MacKay reviewed the draft scope of work to hire a consultant to update the Town's Comprehensive Plan with the Council. Mr. MacKay will work with Manager Leonard to update the plan before sending it to the Town Attorney for finalization.

ITEM 10: Boston Cane Proclamation

The Council signed the Boston Cane Proclamation for Dorothy Treworgy. It will be presented by Manager Leonard on April 15th which happens to be her 98th birthday. She has lived in Veazie for the last 75 years.

ITEM 11: MMA Election Notification

There was no one interested in nominating someone to be on the MMA Executive Committee.

Old Business:

ITEM 12A: Executive Session 1 MRSA (6) (E) – Legal Counsel

Councilor Robert Rice made a motion, seconded by Councilor David King to enter into Executive Session 1 MRSA (6)(E) - Legal Counsel at 7:13pm. Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried. Councilor David King made a motion, seconded by Councilor Karen Walker to exit Executive Session at 8:13pm. Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried.

ITEM 12B: River Restoration follow up

Councilor Robert Rice made a motion, seconded by Councilor Karen Walker that we authorize Town Counsel and the Town Manager to move forward and determine the details of the agreement in depth with all the covenants, warrants and restrictions and bring it back to the Town Counsel as soon as possible. Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried.

ITEM 13: Town of Orono Invoice

This item will be tabled until more information is obtained.

ITEM 14: Manager's Report

Manager Leonard reviewed his report with the Councilor's.

ITEM 15: Comments from the Public

There were several comments made by the public.

ITEM 16: Requests for information and Town Council Comments

Councilor King shared his concerns about the cemetery road and Councilor Walker would like to review the list of goals and objectives at the next meeting.

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

The warrants were circulated and signed.

ITEM 18: Adjournment

Councilor David King motioned to adjourn Councilor Robert Rice seconded. No discussion. Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried. Adjourned at 8:33pm

A True Copy Attest Julie Strout, Deputy Clerk

Veazie Town Council Special Meeting April 13th, 2016

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

Members Absent:

All present

ITEM 1: Call to order

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

ITEM 2: Secretary to do the roll call:

All present

ITEM 3: Pledge of Allegiance

ITEM 4: Comments from the public

None

New Business:

ITEM 5: Fiberight Presentation

The MRC plan for 2018 will be building a next generation materials recovery and conversion facility, with recovery of recyclables and conversion of organics to biomethane, in-house power and heating needs and other high-value products.

Who's involved:

MRC - the Advocacy & Oversight Fiberight – Innovative Technology Partner Covanta- Strong Financial & Technical Backing Where will it be built – Hampden, ME

MRC/Fiberight will offer

Tipping fees \$70/ton
Rate guarantee yes in writing
Rebates/Revenue sharing
Organics program cost
Out of State waste not allowed
MRC oversight

MRC oversight yes
MRRA Endorsed yes
Total Tonnages 68,500
Committed towns 60

Community Benefits of MRC's Recommended Solution

Predictable cost and budgeting formula

One-stop location for municipal solid waste, organics & single-stream recyclables
No change required to current trash and /or recycling programs
Communities joining before deadline share in facility revenue
Plan does not rely on or allow out-of-state waste
Organics program does not require households to sort separately from trash and recycling

Project Timeline

Spring 2016: Communities sign joinder agreements before deadline – 15 year contract

Summer 2016: Land purchased, roads & utilities construction begins

Fall 2016: Site work and facility construction begins

April 1, 2018: Facility ready to receive Municipal Solid Waste

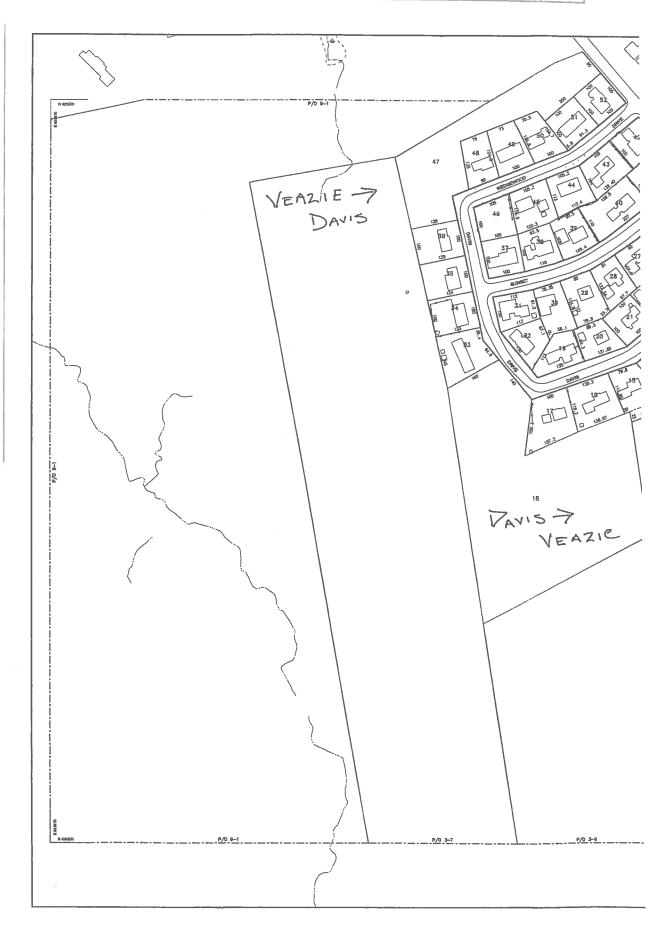
ITEM 6: Comments from the Public

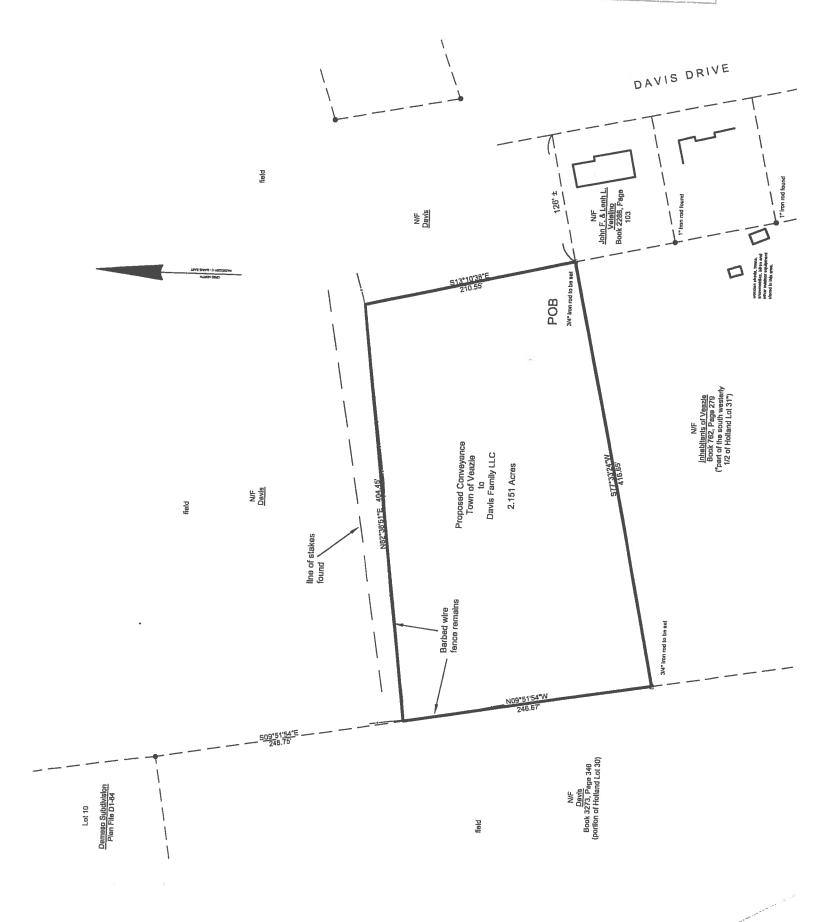
Judy Horten and Lee Giles had questions for Mr. Reeves.

ITEM 7: Adjournment

Councilor David King motioned to adjourn Councilor Robert Rice seconded. No discussion. Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried. Adjourned at 7:44pm

A True Copy Attest Julie Strout, Deputy Clerk





Town of Veazie Charter



00.02.08 Quorum

A majority of the Town Council shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, but a smaller number may adjourn from time to time or may compel attendance of absent members. At least 24 hours notice of the time and place of holding such adjourned meeting shall be given to all members who were not present at the meeting from which the adjournment was taken.

00.02.09 Action Requiring an Ordinance

In addition to other acts required by law or by specific provisions of this Charter to be done by ordinance, those acts of the Council shall be by ordinance which:

- Adopt or amend an administrative code, or establish, alter or abolish any Town Department, office or agency;
- Provide for a fine or other penalty or establish a rule or regulation for violation of which a fine or other penalty is imposed;
- Grant, renew or extend a franchise;
- Regulate the rate charged for its services by a public utility;
- ► Authorize the borrowing of money;
- Convey or lease or authorize a conveyance or lease of any lands of the Town;
 and
- ► Amend or repeal any ordinance previously adopted.

Acts other than those referred to in the preceding sentence may be done either by ordinance, by order or by resolution. Nothing contained herein shall diminish the right of the citizens of the Town of Veazie to approve or disapprove at a Town Meeting acts of the Council, whether such acts be by ordinance or otherwise. Petitions to bring ordinances before Town Meeting shall be brought pursuant to section 00.10.03.01.

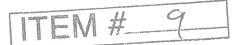
AN ORDINANCE REGARDING THE CONVEYANCE OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTY TO DAVIS FAMILY, LLC

The Town of Veazie hereby ordains that, pursuant to the requirements of the Town of Veazie Charter, Section 00.02.09 and 00.02.10:

The Town Council of the Town of Veazie hereby authorizes the conveyance of Town-owned property shown as a portion of Lot No. 7 on Veazie Tax Map (last revised 4/1/08) No. 3 to Davis Family, LLC in exchange for land owned by Davis Family, LLC shown as Lot No. 18 on Veazie Tax Map (last revised 4/1/08) No. 6.

This ordinance, a duly noticed public hearing being held on April 25, 2016, was duly passed by the Town Council of the Town of Veazie, Maine, this 25th day of April, 2016.

| Tammy J. Perry, Chair | David King |
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| Chris Bagley | Robert Rice |
| Karen Walker | |
| | Attest: |
| | Mark Leonard, Town Clerk |



Memo

To: Veazie Town Council

From: Mark Leonard; Town Manager

Date: August 11, 2015

Re: Fiscal Year (FY) 2015/2016 Council Goals and Objectives

On July 28, 2015 and again on August 10, 2015 and September 14, 2015 during a regular Council meetings discussions were held to discuss the goals and objectives for the Council for FY 2015/2016. From these meetings the following was determined to be the goals and objectives of the council in no certain order;

- 1. Regular meetings with the Principal and School Board
- 2. Provide better communications with all committees and the Citizens
- 3. Receive regular reports for all Town Departments including quarterly financial reviews
- 4. Reconnect with the sewer and water departments by having quarterly or semi-annual meetings
- 5. Assist in the development of a strategic plan with the School Board for the Veazie Community School
- 6. Develop a plan for the future of the Community Center, the reuse of vacated public works space and removal of collapsed storage shed
- Develop a questionnaire to provide to people when they purchase a home and on why
 people are moving to Veazie along with getting better information on the make-up of the
 Town of Veazie
- 8. Review contracts and see which ones can be extended for 3-5 years
- 9. Overall review of all the Town's Ordinances
- 10. Research having advertising in the Town's newsletter
- 11. Reconvene the Charter Review Committee
- 12. Have discussion on money budgeted for consulting on options available concerning sewer and water district.

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Town of Veazie



To: Council

From: Mark Leonard; Town Manager

Date: 04-22-2016

Ref: PERC/MRC

At your request I have attached a copy of the independent review that was done by Perkins Thompson on major provisions of the MRC and PERC Agreements. It should be noted that since this review the PERC and MRC agreements have changed. Finalized/complete agreements to date for both PERC and MRC are available at my office for review. Please let me know if additional information is needed reference your request.

Perkins Thompson Comparison of Major Provisions of MRC and PERC Agreements

| Topic | MRC Agreement | PERC Agreement |
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| Parties | "Joining Member" and MRC | "Municipality" and PERC |
| 1. Term of Agreement | Section 2.1. 15-year Initial Term with up to five 5-year Extension Terms (on 12 months' notice, subject to MRC termination or Fiberight decision not to extend) for up to 40 years total. | Section 6 and Schedule A. Begins April 1, 2018 and there are two options: 10 years or 15 years, with an automatic renewal for the same duration unless terminated by either party with at least 12 months' notice. |
| 2. Waste Delivery Commitment | Section 3.1. "Joining Member shall deliver, or cause to be delivered, to the [Fiberight] Facility under the Master Waste Supply Agreement on an exclusive basis all Acceptable Waste generated within its borders the collection and disposition of which is under its control." Joining Member and MRC discuss and arrive at an "Estimated Delivery Amount" for annual delivery of Acceptable Waste. No penalty for failure to deliver Estimated Delivery Amount of Acceptable Waste itself, but: -Penalty if Acceptable Waste is diverted to other facilities (Delivery Diversion charge). -If MRC does not deliver 150,000 TPY to Facility, it owes a Delivery Sufficiency Payment to Fiberight and can assess a Delivery Diversion charge on Joining Member. Joinder Agreement calls this a "commitment." | Two differing obligations and an estimate: Section 3.)(a) "The Municipality shall deliver all Acceptable Waste that is generated within the Municipality to the PERC Facility." Section 3.)(c) "The Municipality shall deliver to the PERC Facility the available estimated tonnage of Solid Waste under its direct control; and (2) pay to PERC the tipping fee (the "Tipping Fee") for each ton of Solid Waste delivered by the Municipality to the PERC Facility" Schedule A 3.) Requires Municipality to state an "Estimated Tonnage" — annual tonnage of MSW to be delivered by the Municipality. Parties acknowledge and agree not a guarantee Municipality will deliver minimum tonnage annually. "Estimated tonnage" a "good faith estimate of annual tonnage Municipality believes will be generated within it and is under. Municipality's direct control, and is subject to change due to increased recycling." However, |
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| | | "Notwithstanding the fact the Estimated Tonnage |
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| | | is not a commitment" to deliver a minimum amount of MSW to EPRC Facility, "the |
| | | Municipality acknowledges and agrees" it is |
| | | signing the Agreement in good faith "and that PERC is relying upon the Municipality's |
| | | commitment to deliver to the PERC Facility the |
| | | Solid Waste generated within the Municipality and under its direct control." |
| 3. Tipping Fees and Adjustments | Section 4.1. \$70 per ton plus annual CPI adjustment. No amendment to Tipping Fee | Schedule A. 2.) and 4.) 15 years (2018-2033), \$84.36; 10 years (2018-2028), \$89.57, adjust |
| | without Joining Member authorizes MIKC to amend it by amending this Joinder Agreement | same basis Contract for fewer than 10 years |
| | | priced on case-by-case basis at market rate. |
| 4. Existing and New or Expanded MSW Recycling and Reduction Programs | Section 3.4. May continue existing MSW recycling and reduction programs. Must provide notice of new and expanded MSW recycling, reuse or reduction programs to MRC, and consult with MRC; if program involves organic MSW, may continue existing programs "substantially" as now, but must obtain prior consent of Fiberight for new and expanded programs. May institute "pay as you throw" without prior approval of MRC so long as maintain MSW commitment. | Schedule A. 3.)(a) Ungrammatically recognizes that Municipality may engage in "increased recycling, repurposing and composting" in accordance with the State's solid waste hierarchy, but does not explicitly approve the resulting reduction in Solid Waste Estimated Tonnage |
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| 5. Unacceptable Waste | Section 3.5. Joining Member shall not deliver Unacceptable Waste to the Facility and shall use reasonable efforts to offer local options for household hazardous waste disposal. Joining Member shall pay its full cost for and indemnify and hold harmless MRC and Fiberight from any liability, claim or damage arising from its delivery of Unacceptable Waste to the Facility. | Section 3.)(a) "The Municipality agrees to use its best efforts to avoid delivering any Unacceptable Waste to the PERC Facility and shall not knowingly mix any Unacceptable Waste with Acceptable Waste." |
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| 6. Alternative Waste Disposal Arrangements | Section 6.2. Acceptable Waste that cannot be accepted at Fiberight Facility: 1) between expiration of PERC Agreement and Fiberight Commercial Operation Date is called "Bridge Capacity Waste"; and 2) after Commercial Operation Date, is called "Bypass Waste." Both go to Backup Facility, Crossroads Landfill in Norridgewock, under 10-year agreement with Waste Management. Tipping Fee for Bypass is same as for Acceptable Waste; for Bridge Capacity, in accordance with Agreement at MRC's direction. | Bypass Waste goes to Juniper Ridge Landfill ("JRL") in Old Town; if for temporary EPRC shutdown for maintenance repair, at regular MSW tipping fee; if for PERC permanent closure then at \$60/ton. (However, if MSW goes to JRL because of PERC's permanent closure, not "bypass" and can only go to JRL if Casella seeks and DEP grants amendment of 81,800 TPY permit limit on MSW or Casella refuses other waste — amount of MSW Casella can accept at JRL is capped.) |
| 7. Conditions to Commencement of Operations What happens if insufficient commitment of waste or lack of financing? When? | MRC asks for commitment by May 1, 2016; under site lease, date for closing on construction financing and for commencement of construction is no later than January 1, 2017. Under Master Waste Supply Agreement, if Fiberight fails to commence Commercial Operation before January 1, 2020, that Agreement terminates automatically unless parties agree to extension. | Section 5.) recites that "After signing this Agreement," such parties acknowledge and agree that PERC requires commitment from other municipalities and private businesses to assure continued operation of PERC Facility. Section 7.) (c). Either party may terminate PERC Agreement if PERC receives insufficient written commitments to deliver Acceptable Waste (but no date by which PERC must secure sufficient commitments). |
| 8. Oversight | MRC is to oversee Fiberight operation. | No MRC oversight role contemplated. |
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| Section 8.) Broad reciprocal indemnity; PERC and Municipality each mutually agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the other | | Section 9.) (d) limitation on liability - excludes liability for special, incidental, exemplary, n punitive or consequential damages or | to | rect |
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| Section 8.1 and 8.2. Reciprocal indemnifications. | Joining Member to defend, indemnify and hold harmless MRC, each other Joining Member and their members, directors, elected officials, officers, agents and employees against claims resulting directly from any failure by Joining Member to perform fully in any respect, its obligations under the Joinder Agreement. | MRC to defend, indemnify and hold harmless Joining Member and its elected and appointed officials, officers, agents and employees from claims resulting directly from MRC's willful or negligent act or omission, and its failure to perform fully, in any respect, its obligations under the Joinder Agreement. | Section 8.5 requires the parties to resolve disputes by good faith informal resolution during 14 days following written notice of dispute, followed by submittal of the dispute to binding arbitration under the American Arbitration Association's commercial arbitration rules before a single arbitrator, unless they cannot agree, in which case there will be a panel of three arbitrators. | Section 8.7 contains a limitation of liability provision that bars a party's recovery of indirect and consequential damages except for fraud. |
| 9. Indemnification, Dispute Resolution | | | | |

| Section 10. Section 10. Agreement terminates upon expiration of the Master Waste Supply Agreement, but could terminate sooner. Either party may terminate upon event of default of other party that is not cured within 30 days. MRC has a right to terminate on 9 months' notice at end of Initial Term or any Extension Term. Term. Term. Section 4.0. Under the Master Waste Supply Agreement, Fiberight pays a rebate based on revenues that exceed the revenue attributable to a baseline of 150,000 tons per year; the rebate is paid quarterly to MRC, which, under the | | - [] | Ozation 7) A moment terminates at and of term |
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| | ermination | 9 | as stated in Schedule A unless autómatically |
| | | Master Waste Supply Agreement, but could | renewed upon expiration of term; or: |
| | | terminate sooner. Either party may terminate upon event of | -Upon parties' mutual agreement; |
| | | default of other party that is not cured within 30 | |
| | | days. MRC has a right to terminate on 9 months? | -Upon a party's material breach not cured within 60 days after receipt of notice of breach; |
| | | notice at end of Initial Term or any Extension Term. | -Upon "Deemed Termination" by the Municipality (for failure to deliver all solid waste to PERC Facility); |
| | | | -By either party if PERC receives insufficient written commitments to deliver Acceptable Waste; or |
| | | = | -By either party in event of bankruptcy or insolvency proceedings. |
| | | | Schedule A. 6.) also provides for early termination by Municipality on 90 days' notice to PERC, but in case of such Municipality Termination or Deemed Termination, but within |
| | | | 30 days must pay amount equal to three times the average annual amount of Tipping Fees paid in e two years immediately preceding termination. |
| a baseline of 150,000 tons per your paid quarterly to MRC, which, to | haring of Rebates | Section 4.0. Under the Master Waste Supply Agreement, Fiberight pays a rebate based on | None under PERC Agreement, but separate Limited Partnership would be available. |
| | | revenues that exceed the revenue autrobulable to a baseline of 150,000 tons per year; the rebate is paid quarterly to MRC, which, under the | |
| Joinder Agreement, manages pa rebates to Joining Members or o against any amounts owed by Jo | | Joinder Agreement, manages payment of rebates to Joining Members or offsets rebates against any amounts owed by Joining Members. | |

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Manager's Report For April 25, 2016 Council Meeting

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

Superintendent Smith from Orono-Veazie Water and I met to discuss several items. Supt. Smith as well as some members of the Board of Trustees plan to attend a future Council meeting.

I attended a day long training session held at the Hampden Police Department. The training was sponsored by the Maine Chiefs of Police and covered several mandatory topics for 2016.

I presented the Municipal Budget to the Budget Committee who voted to accept the budget as presented. The next step in the process is to present to Council during the public hearing on May 9th.

I attended the 5th grade DARE graduation which was held at the school. Officer Jones did a great job organizing the event.

The quarterly Public Safety Meeting was held at the School. The security camera system at the School needs to be replaced in the near future. Principal Cyr and I will be working on a grant to fund this replacement. Additionally, we spoke about the possibility of having a family night which will include a movie, cookout and fire. More information will be forth coming.

The President of MRC, Chip Reeves, made a presentation to the Council on the benefits of the Town choosing Fiberight for rubbish disposal when the agreement with PERC expires in 2018.

I attended the Bangor Area Storm Water Group Meeting which was held in Orono and well attended. The Group now has a new logo and website.

I attended a Budget Committee meeting in which the School presented their budget for the upcoming year. The Committee voted to approve the School budget as presented. That approved budget will be presented to the Council on May 9th.

As a requirement of our Stormwater Permit, I volunteered at the recent Bangor Garden Show. I helped set up and was present for a portion of the opening hours. The show had a great turnout.

I was fortunate enough to be able to present the Boston Cane and a Proclamation from the Council to Dorothy Treworgy on her 98th birthday. We were able to keep the event a surprise and she was extremely pleased to be a recipient of this special honor

I attended the MRC Board Meeting in which they chose to extend when communities could sign on to the Joiner Agreement. The original date was May 1st, but has been extended to June 30th.

Numerous emails have been sent in support of the land that the River Restoration is offering to the Town. I reviewed and responded to those emails and will include them with future packets concerning the park.

Manager's Report For April 25, 2016 Council Meeting

The Executive Director of the Orono Library and I met to tour and discuss future plans for the Library. The Library will be requesting a donation in the future.

I held a Police Department Staff Meeting/Training. Sgt. Fizell conducted the training portion and several items were discussed.

I attended the Economic Development Committee meeting. During my attendance a lot of discussion was had on scheduling a spring networking event for area businesses. The event is scheduled for May 17 from noon-1 PM, in the Council Chambers. Committee members are going to go to each business in Town and deliver the invitation.

I have installed a new stop sign and post at the intersection of Thompson/Old County/Prouty Roads.

I attended the Fire Department's Officers meeting. Numerous items were discussed.

Attachments:

Letter from Citizen regarding animals in cars

Newsletter from Rep Peter Lyford dated April 13, 2016

Thank you note to the Police Department

Agenda for April 19th Economic Development Committee meeting

Draft minutes form the March 29th Economic Development Committee meeting

Photo from DARE Graduation

Newsletter from Rep. Peter Lyford dated April 20, 2016

Flyer on Veazie street and stream cleanup date

Flyer on Spring Business Networking Event

Letter to Veazie residents from Council Chair Perry

MRC Newsletter

Memo from MRC Director Lounder

Agenda for April 27 MRC meeting

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Dear Sir, Madam, 1000 1000 1 Hello, regarding pets and public safety - the April edition of the Town News often mentioned having a dog ride in one's vehicle as opposed. I would guess, to them roaming the town (s) and streets - to which the newsbetter addressed. However, I feel that dogs allowed to ricle in front seats of cars would be a poten-Hal driver distraction and therefore a public safety issue. Common sense allows, I would think, that is more of a hazard than wander -ing pets -especially if it's a dag like our beautiful dog the is teth-

JV reger // -ered when outside. my parent feels the same as I do about car dogs Please pass this useful inferon to the begis. lators. Generally, would be a good law if passed thanks. God bless, Wide or stoutes bo Peace

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April 13, 2016 Legislative Update from State Representative Peter A. Lyford



State Representative PETER A. LYFORD

197 Jarvis Gore Drive Eddington, ME 04428 (207) 848-3335

Proudly Serving the Citizens of District 129 Clifton, Eddington, Holden, Veazie, and a portion of Brewer

Growing Cybercrime Threats

FTC Releases Alert on Tech-Support Scams

The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) has released an alert on tech-support themed telephone scams. In these schemes, fraudulent callers claim to be from legitimate technical support organizations and offer to fix computer problems that don't exist. Users should not give control of their computers to anyone who calls offering to "fix" a problem.

The <u>United States Computer Emergency Readiness Team</u> (USCERT) encourages users and administrators to refer to the <u>FTC scam alert</u> and the US-CERT security tip on <u>Avoiding Social</u> Engineering and <u>Phishing Attacks</u> for more information.

IRS Issues Warning for Tax Phishing Scam

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has issued a press release to address a phishing scam targeting taxpayers. E-mail scammers have been observed citing tax fraud to trick victims in to clicking on a malicious link. Taxpayers should be suspicious of unsolicited emails.

Users and administrators are encouraged to review the <u>IRS news</u> release for details and refer to US-CERT security tip <u>ST15-001</u> for



Useful Links for Government News & Information

Brewer City Office

80 North Street Brewer, ME 04412 (207) 989-7500 <u>E-mail</u> Web Site

Clifton Town Office

135 Airline Rd. Clifton, ME 04428 (207) 843-0709 <u>E-mail</u> <u>Web Site</u> information on tax-themed phishing attacks.

Record Number of Job Openings Posted to Maine's Job Bank

Maine's Job Bank had 10,195 total open positions available for job seekers as of April 1, 2016. The number is an all-time high for the online labor exchange service that is available through the Department of Labor and its CareerCenters.

The jobs on the Job Bank range from entry level to professional and include positions in healthcare, manufacturing, business services, and many other industries -- for example:

- Downeast Transportation Inc.: 90 Shuttle Bus Drivers, in Bar Harbor;
- Great Falls Marketing: 100 Telephone Sales Professionals;
 50 in Auburn, 50 in Augusta;
- Integrated Business Solutions: Hiring a System Integration/Test Engineer;
- Jackson Laboratory: Hiring a Scientific Software Engineer/Web Developer;
- Maine Staffing Group: Hiring 100 Flaggers throughout Maine;
- · Mission Solutions: Hiring an AEGIS Engineer; and
- Woodfords Family Services: Hiring 41 positions, including Teacher Assistants, Behavioral Health Professionals, Direct Support Professionals throughout the State.

All job listings on Maine's Job Bank have been posted within the last 90 days by employers and dedicated staff at the Department of Labor. The team at the Department reviews each employer that registers and its respective postings before activating the job live on the site. CareerCenter staff follows up with employers after two weeks to review the listing's response, make any adjustments, or take the listing down when filled.

Mainers who register for a no-cost job seeker account will be able to add their résumé, enter their skills and experience, and create e-mail alerts to receive jobs that most closely match their profile.

Maine's Job Bank includes a custom matching system that

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Maine Sex Offender Registry connects the requirements of the job opening with the skills and experience of a job seeker; accepting the referral is the first step in applying for the job.

Maine's Job Bank is one of many no-charge services provided by the CareerCenters; all services and workshops help people find employment or upgrade skills. Each center provides several publicaccess workstations with Microsoft Office software, résumé writing and cover letter software, Internet access, and O*Net software for skills assessment.

Maine CareerCenters are an equal opportunity provider. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with

Maine's Job Bank incorporates a high level of security and user confidentiality and is put through rigorous testing for ADA compliance.

Posted Roads

disabilities.

Each spring, the Maine Department of Transportation evaluates potential damage to State and State-aid highways, and then determines whether weight restrictions should be imposed to prevent damage due to freezing/thawing. Many municipalities undertake similar evaluations and restrictions on local road systems.

For information about local road postings, please contact the appropriate municipal office.

For additional details about MaineDOT posted roads, click here. To view an interactive map of current posted roads, click here.

Maine Senior FarmShare Program Information

The Maine Senior FarmShare Program entitles eligible seniors to receive a FarmShare, \$50 worth, of first-quality, fresh local produce from a Maine farm for a core eight-week period during the growing season. Seniors sign up directly with a participating farmer each



year in April.

Different farms participating in the Senior FarmShare Program offer different types of fruits and vegetables. You should check with the farmer before signing up to be sure a farm's offerings will meet your needs. The fruits and vegetables will be available at different times during the growing season.

To learn more about this Program, please <u>click here</u>. If you are uncertain about your eligibility to participate, you should contact your <u>Area Agency on Aging</u> by calling the ELDERS-1 toll-free number at 1-877-353-3771.

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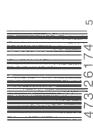
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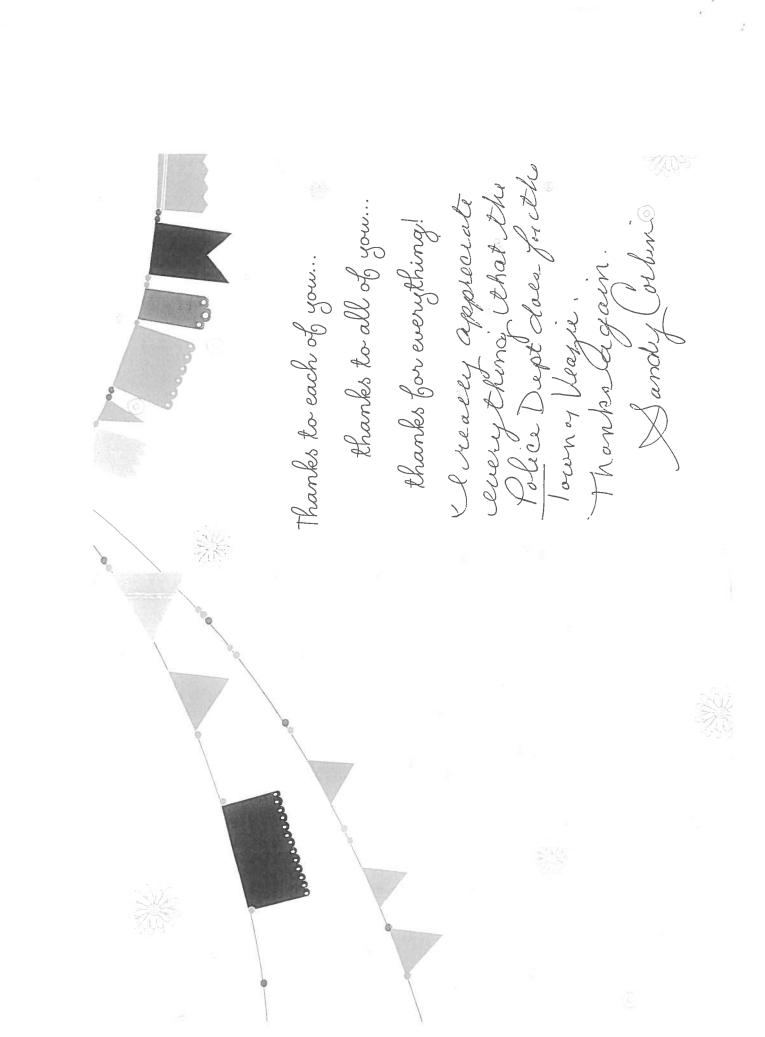


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Agenda

April 19, 2016

- Call to order
- Approval or change to minutes of meeting March 29, 2016
- Follow up to items from previous meeting
- Discussion on business engagement event
- Decide who will be visiting which businesses with flyer
- General discussion- other topics
- Set next meeting date
- Adjournment

Minutes of the Economic Development Committee

Meeting March 29, 2016

Attendees: Chuck Osgood, Pat Rice, Judy Horten, Erik Espling, Sarah Zmistowski

The meeting was called to order at 6:35pm. A motion to approve the minutes of the February 3rd meeting was made and seconded, the minutes were approved unanimously.

• **Business Visitation:** Chuck Osgood visited Stacey Guerin owner of JM Flagg to find out more about what Veazie businesses might need and to also get some feedback about a future business event. The following e-mail summarizes their meeting:

Thank you so much for taking time out of your busy schedule to meet with me. As I mentioned, we think our best investment is in the businesses that are already members of our community and we look forward to working with you. Your ideas about a Christmas home/business decoration contest, while perhaps working with the Garden Club, is definitely something I will raise at our next VEDC meeting. And I appreciate your interest in thinking about promoting your cooking classes with some sort of local contest, perhaps involving local businesses and cooks. And finally, we look forward to hearing more about the Baked Bean event you are having in April and how we might assist with its promotion.

Two follow up items: the baked bean event, and having you meet with our committee when you have a chance. If you have time in April, let me know what works for you and we can try to work around your schedule. Otherwise we will schedule something in July after the House session adjourns.

- Discussion on Future Networking Event: The committee plans to focus on helping and assisting existing businesses rather than hoping that a large business will decide to build here. The reason we have come to this decision was the lack of available properties that are suitable for commercial development. Many of the land parcels are held by large holders and only a very few areas/buildings are readily available. So the committee spent a great deal of time discussing a "business networking event" that we could host and that would help us understand the needs of Veazie businesses and at the same time be a networking event for Veazie business owners to meet and exchange ideas. The committee picked a tentative date of May 17th with the meeting to be held in the Town Council Chambers at noontime and the food for this event to be purchased from Veazie food vendors. Action Items: Pat will check on availability of date and reserve space. Pat and Sarah will work on putting together a flyer that can be handed out to the invitees to the event.
- Discussion about Penobscot River Whitewater Nationals Regatta: Not much was discussed about what the committee will be doing for this event since the event is not until July 6-10th. Action item: Pat will contact Mark to see if the structure/hardware is in place for the Town to have a Race Banner; Pat will contact Scott Philips of the Penobscot Nation to see what the set up will be.

Next meeting: - The next meeting date was set for April 19, 2016 at 6:30 pm. There was a motion to adjourn and seconded- the meeting adjourned at 8:07pm





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Lyme Disease

Lyme disease is caused by a bacterium, which is transmitted to a person through the bite of an infected deer tick. Symptoms of Lyme disease include the formation of a characteristic expanding rash (erythema migrans, EM) three to 30 days after a tick bite. This rash occurs in approximately 70-80% of patients nationally.

In Maine, EM is reported in just over 50% of patients, and the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention feels that this number is lower than the actual occurrence. Fever, headache, joint and muscle pains, and fatigue are also common during the first several weeks. Later features of Lyme disease can include arthritis in one or more joints (often the knee), Bell's palsy and other cranial nerve palsies, meningitis, and carditis (AV block). Lyme disease is rarely, if ever, fatal.

For more information, such as the history of Lyme disease; resources for Maine residents, educators, and physicians; Lyme disease data, etc., please click here.

To prevent Lyme disease and other tick-borne illnesses, the best protection is to avoid contact with ticks. If you are working, playing, or relaxing in areas that may have ticks, you should do the following.



Useful Links for Government News & Information

Brewer City Office

80 North Street Brewer, ME 04412 (207) 989-7500 <u>E-mail</u> Web Site

Clifton Town Office

135 Airline Rd. Clifton, ME 04428 (207) 843-0709 <u>E-mail</u> Web Site

- Wear light colored clothing (which helps spot ticks easier)
 with long sleeve shirts and pants
- Create an extra "no tick" zone by tucking your pants into your socks and your shirt into your pants.
- Use EPA approved repellent on your skin and apply permethrin (kills ticks on contact) to protect your clothes.
 EPA repellent finder
- Check your clothing and skin carefully after being outdoors in tick infested areas and remove ticks promptly.
- Wash area of any possible tick bites thoroughly with soap and water; apply an antiseptic to area of the bite.
- Mark on a calendar the date that you were bitten, and then watch for signs of Lyme disease or any changes in your personal health every day for the next month.
- Keep your lawn cut short, cut overgrown brush, and clear away leaf litter from your home.
- Inspect any pets daily and remove any ticks found.

Business Answers

Business Answers, a program of the Maine Department of Economic and Community Development, exists to assist new and prevailing businesses with start-up and expansion. In conjunction with the online service, there is also a toll-free 800-line which you can call and get answers to all of your questions, including:

- · starting and operating a business;
- · State licensing requirements;
- your business name;
- becoming an employer;
- · being self-employed; and
- so much more!

If the answer to your business question is immediately unknown, you will be referred to someone who can better help.

Through Business Answer's One-Stop Business Licensing Center, information is available with respect to all of the State licenses your business is required to have <u>Governor's Account Executives</u> are available to help with problems and concerns that arise as you work with other State agencies.

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Maine Sex Offender Registry Questions about this service? Please contact Business Answers toll-free at 1-800-872-3838 in Maine or 1-800-541-5872 outside Maine. You also have the option of communicating via e-mail at business.answers@maine.gov.

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Maine Burn Permit System

This online service allows people to purchase an open burning permit 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Permits are \$7 each, and \$2 from each permit goes to the organized municipality where it was purchased.

Although permits can be purchased 24 hours a day, the default setting for allowable burn times is after 5:00 p.m. and before 9:00 a.m. for unorganized towns, plantations, and most towns. The exception to the default "after 5 p.m." restriction is when there is a steady rain or the ground is completely covered in snow. Some communities, particularly those with full-time fire departments, have elected to override the allowable burn times and have authorized burning during the daytime. Please read your permit carefully and only burn during the times listed.

This system is for brush piles, wood debris, and agricultural burns only. Please contact the local fire department or the Maine Forest Service regional headquarters for campfire permits.

Ashland Regional Office: (207) 435-7963
Old Town Regional Office: (207) 827-1800
Augusta Regional Office: (207) 624-3700

For additional details about the Maine Burn Permit System, please click here

Avoiding 'Card Skimming' at ATMs and Other Money Machines

Be wary when you use automated teller machines (ATMs) and other payment processing machines. Thieves may be using high-tech tools in scams to capture your account information to steal

your money.

These scams, known as "card skimming," involve attaching devices to money machines that read the information on your debit and credit cards when you swipe them. When combined with a nearby concealed camera to record your personal identification number (PIN), the thieves can get everything they need to drain your account or to make unauthorized purchases. In addition to using the information directly, thieves may sell your information to others.

ATMs and automated payment machines in airports, convenience stores, hotel lobbies, and other well-traveled, public places may be most vulnerable to thieves who may think these machines are not regularly inspected by the machine owners. However, card skimming may take place at any ATM or card processing machine, including those on bank premises. As technology makes these devices smaller and more powerful, the risk of card skimming grows.

Additional details about "card skimming," such as how high-tech thieves operate, how to safeguard your personal bank account information, how to protect yourself with commonsense security measures, and more can be found online here.

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Saturday, May 14th

9:30 AM

Meet at Town Hall, 1084 Main St.

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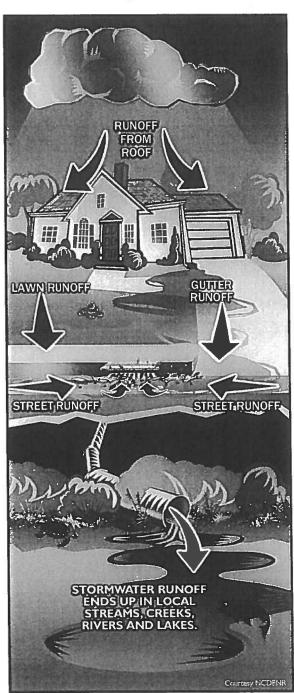


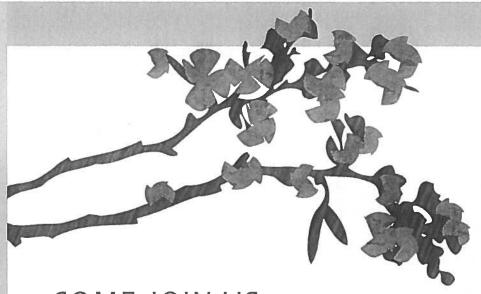
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FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: PATRICIAARICE @GMAIL.COM OR 207-942-3064

MEMORANDUM

TO: MRC Membership

FROM: Greg Lounder DATE: April 21, 2016

RE: Regular Meeting of MRC Board of Directors – April 27, 2016

Upcoming Meeting

Please find enclosed an agenda for the upcoming meeting of the MRC Board of Directors to be held on April 27, 2016 starting at 10:00 a.m. at the Town of Orono Municipal Building at 59 Main Street, Orono, Maine. The MRC Board wishes to extend an invitation to all member representatives to attend the upcoming meeting. To assist in our preparation, please contact Greg Lounder at 866-254-3507 or 664-1700 if you plan to attend.

PUBLIC MEETING - PLEASE POST

MUNICIPAL REVIEW COMMITTEE, INC. (MRC) BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING Orono Municipal Building, 59 Main Street, Orono, Maine April 27, 2016

Notice: The MRC Finance Committee meets at 9 AM. Public is welcome to attend.

AGENDA

- 1. 10:00 AM Call to Order
- 2. Consideration of Minutes of January 27, 2016 Regular, March 15, 2016 Special, March 24, 2016 Special, and April 15, 2016 Special Board of Directors Meetings
- 3. Finance Committee Report, including: Consideration of the Financial Statement; Bills payable as of April 22, 2016; and FY16 Operating Budget Adjustment
- 4. 2nd Quarter 2016 Tipping Fee Calculation
- 5. PERC Facility Operations Report Hank Lang, Acting PERC Plant Manager
- 6. Charter Municipality Asset Management Report Custody Account, Tip Fee & Operating Budget Stabilization Funds, Consideration of Withdrawal from the Tip Fee Stabilization Fund for Second Quarter Cash Distribution
- 7. Consideration of Amendments to the Target Value Step Increase Plan
- 8. Report on Status of MRC member community approvals of Joinder Agreements committing to the MRC/Fiberight Plan for 2018
- 9. Report on items outstanding and steps remaining to reach financial close and the construction phase of the Fiberight facility in Hampden
- Administrative Report New Charters/Contracts, Waste Deliveries Trends, MRRA Conference, 2015 MRC Financial Audit, Flow Control, PERC/Casella Waste Disposal Agreement

12:00PM Break (Lunch Provided)

- 11. Report on the pending wind up and dissolution of the PERC Partnership
- 12. Executive Session per 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6) (e) Discussion with legal counsel concerning legal rights and duties regarding the wind up and dissolution of the PERC Partnership pending litigation with PERC's general partner USAE.
- 13. Executive Session per 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(a) for the Executive Director's Annual Performance Evaluation
- 14. Adjourn



To: Veazie Residents

From: Tammy Perry, Town Council Chair

Misinformation regarding the land transfer from the Penobscot River Restoration Trust (PRRT) and the Council's willingness to accept the property is circulating. The Council has not been able to make an informed decision because we do not have enough information from PRRT, including the following issues that have been raised by both councilors and citizens. The Council is working with the Town Attorney and we hope to have clarification on these issues in the coming weeks.

The Council does not yet have enough of the information needed before accepting the property. The Council currently does not have a deed, an agreement, a survey, or all deed restrictions. PRRT noted that this information would be available "at closing." Our Town Attorney has advised us that the Council needs these documents to "evaluate future costs, risks, and obligations associated with the property" — well ahead of closing on the property.

The property might not be the Town's to do with as we please. As it stands now, the Town would be responsible for the land but would have to operate it under the restrictions set forth by PRRT. The Council needs complete documentation to know what these restrictions are and which agencies will be enforcing them.

The property could be a significant responsibility for the taxpayers. The Town would be accepting this property in perpetuity. For generations to come, taxpayers would be responsible for the costs involved in maintaining the land. The Council is still discussing potential responsibilities and costs, which will likely go well beyond moving and removing trash.

The Council is listening to the public. The Council was asked by members of the public to take the next step in the process, which was to have our Town Manager and Town Attorney negotiate with PRRT's attorney. The Council has taken this step.

The public is able to comment. The Council has public comments on every agenda at the beginning and end of each meeting. The Council also has phone numbers and/or email addresses available for any resident that wants to make comments outside of meetings.

The Council knows that the property is beautiful, but this information is needed before we make an informed decision that is best for the Town now and in perpetuity.

Town of Veazie

To: Council Members

From: Mark Leonard; Town Manager

Date: 04-22-2016

Ref: Emails and Signatures reference Penobscot River Restoration Trust land

Please find attached numerous emails which I have received referencing what most are now calling "Riverside Park" better known as the land that is currently owned by the Penobscot River Restoration Trust. In reading them, I believe they are being written in response to information they are receiving to the ongoing discussions between the Town of Veazie and the Penobscot River Restoration Trust. Additionally, today I received an email containing documentation with numerous signatures in support of the proposed acquisition of the land from the Penobscot River Restoration Trust. Furthermore, I have been made aware that a Facebook Page has been created to provide information to those that wish to view the page. Although, it is requested on the Facebook page that emails be sent to me, this has not been created by Town staff but would be an additional reason that I have been receiving the emails. If additional emails are received these will be provided to you for review.

If you have any questions, concerns or comments reference this memo please don't hesitate to contact me at your earliest convenience.

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Message

Thu, Apr 21, 2016 2:47 PM

From:

Mark Leonard <vzchief800@yahoo.com>

To:

Mark Leonard

Subject:

Fwd: Riverside Park

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Mark E Leonard 1084 Main Street Veazie, Maine 04401 207-947-2781 ext 14 207-947-2358 ext 19

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Laren Lynn < larenandtom@hotmail.com>

Date: April 21, 2016 at 1:28:55 PM EDT

To: Mleonard@veaziepd.net Subject: Riverside Park

Hello Mark,

Yesterday I became aware of the potential gift of a park to the town of Veazie in the area down by the Penobscot river.

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I want to whole heartedly give my support for accepting this gift. How sad and shortsighted it would be to pass up such an opportunity for our town.

The river has played a major role in the towns history from the start, accepting this gift would be a perfect way to honor that legacy as well as insure it's continued importance in the lives of it's current and future citizens.

Please, let's move forward and accept this park.

Thank you for your hard work on our behalf.

Respectfully, Laren Lynn 1367 State St Veazie, ME 949-0450 Printed by: Mark Leonard

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Message

Fri, Apr 22, 2016 8:59 AM

From:

Mark Leonard

To:

Iarenandtom@hotmail.com

Subject:

Re: Fwd: Riverside Park

Good morning Laren! Thank you for your email. I will forward it to the Council so they can review it as well.

Mark

Mark Leonard Town Manager Town of Veazie 1084 Main Street Veazie, Maine 04401 207-947-2781 mleonard@veazie.net

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Wed, Apr 20, 2016 9:58 PM

From:

Jeffrey Martin <jeffrey.m.martin@maine.edu>

To:

Mark Leonard

Subject:

Riverside Park

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Dear Mark,

Please express my concerns to the town council.

As a resident of Veazie, I feel as though the Riverside Park on Veazie Street is an irreplaceable resource that presents ample opportunity for the town to grow and shine in the eye of the region of other great river communities. Veazie once had a proud connection to the river through the dam. That is part of the history of Veazie and now the only to remain connected to this legacy is with the riverside park.

Upon several visits to the locked gate of the park, and a couple of visits inside the park, I would hope that someday soon the park will be open often for public enjoyment because the it is a beautiful vista and access to the Penobscot River. Please accept the park as gift from the Penobscot River Restoration Trust.

Sincerely,

Jeff M. Martin 1016 Olive Street Veazie, Maine

Ph.D. Student, University of Maine, Orono, Maine, USA Ecology and Environmental Sciences Program Adaptation to Abrupt Climate Change IGERT Trainee - NSF School of Biology and Ecology and Climate Change Institute

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Message

Fri, Apr 22, 2016 8:37 AM

From:

Mark Leonard

To:

Rachel Martin <rachelshort7@gmail.com>

Subject:

Re: Veazie Riverside Park

Good Morning! Thank you for your email. I will be certain to forward it to the Council so they can review it as well.

Mark

Mark Leonard Town Manager Town of Veazie 1084 Main Street Veazie, Maine 04401 207-947-2781 mleonard@veazie.net

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Rachel Martin < rachelshort7@gmail.com > on Wednesday, April 20, 2016 at 9:13 PM -0400 wrote: Mark,

As a resident of Veazie, I would like to support the acquisition of the Riverside Park. I visited the park on Sunday and I was greatly impressed. I am looking forward to having such a wonderful resource in our town.

Rachel Martin

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Rachel Short Martin MST Graduate Student

Maine RiSE Center University of Maine

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From:

Mabiaga@aol.com

To:

Mark Leonard

Subject:

Proposed Riverside Park

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Dear Chief Leonard,

Please be advised that both Joe & Lin Dosen (6 Silver Ridge residents for 22 years) are pleased to support the donation of the riverside plot of land to the town of Veazie.

The addition of this scenic plot would greatly assist the town of Veazie in drawing new families and young families with children to the town in order to help grow our community.

To pass up this opportunity would be a disservice to all familes of Veazie.

Sincerely

The Dosens

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Message

Wed, Apr 20, 2016 5:11 PM

From:

Jane Livingston <janehlivingston@gmail.com>

To:

Mark Leonard

Subject:

copy of letter to BDN

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Hi Mark,

Here's the letter I just sent BDN, don't know if they'll print it or not but wanted you to have a copy.

Thank you--and thanks to all the Town office staff--for the work you do for our town. I don't honestly know why you keep doing it but we are incredibly lucky that you do!

Have a great day, Jane Livingston

To the Editor:

On April 25, the Veazie Town Council will decide whether to accept the gift of a riverside park from the Penobscot River Restoration Trust.

This strip of land runs along most of Veazie's shoreline, and includes the small park area created by the Trust, where people can enjoy our beautiful waterfront.

The Trust is offering the land to the Town at no cost.

If the Town does not accept this offer, the land will undoubtedly end up in the hands of a private owner. To me, this makes no sense. A private owner can do whatever he or she wants with the property, within the legal statutes. Even if the owner is conservation-minded and wants to keep the park a park, there is nothing to prevent this owner's heirs from feeling differently about it.

With the Town as owner, there is no guarantee the Park will be developed in the way any individual citizen wants it to be developed. But we, the people of Veazie, will always have the possibility of developing the park in a democratic fashion—through our elected Town government, using the tools available to citizens willing to participate in running our Town.

It's unfair to expect a handful of residents who sit on the Town Council to make such an important

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decision all by themselves. Please write to the Councilors this week, or email them via Town Manager Mark Leonard at MLeonard@Veazie.net. And come to the April 25 meeting at the Town Building to support them in accepting this generous gift.

Jane Livingston

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Message

Wed, Apr 20, 2016 6:35 PM

From:

Mark Leonard

To:

Jane Livingston < janehlivingston@gmail.com>

Subject:

Re: copy of letter to BDN

Thank you for the kind words Jane! I will forward this to the Council so they can review it as well.

Mark

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Message

Wed, Apr 20, 2016 4:12 PM

From:

Mark Leonard

To:

ELIZABETH DRUMMOND <bethdrum49@gmail.com>

Cc:

rrice@veazie.net

Subject:

Re: Riverside Park

Hi Beth- Thank you for your email. I will forward it to the Council so they receive it as well.

Mark

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ELIZABETH DRUMMOND < bethdrum49@gmail.com> on Wednesday, April 20, 2016 at 4:02 PM -0400 wrote:

Mark,

I am reaching out to you to express my support for the town of Veazie to accept the donation of the Riverside Park. I recently toured the area. It is a beautiful spot that could be enjoyed by many members of our community.

I am a 20 year resident of Veazie. It is unfortunate that we do not have access to the riverside. The offer of a fully completed park, for free, is outstanding. I do not understand the reluctance in accepting it. If another group accepts it, the possibility exists that Veazie residents may not have access.

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I frequently go to the waterfront parks in our surrounding towns to enjoy a lunch outdoors and/or take a walk. I would love to be able to do this in Veazie. Every Veazie resident I have spoken with agrees. I have not found one person that does not support accepting this park. I wish this information had been included in our recent newsletter. It is a decision to be made by the community. The town council members have a responsibility to do what is best for the town as well as represent all residents and do what the majority desires.

Sincerely, Beth Drummond E 163

Message

Wed, Apr 20, 2016 4:13 PM

From:

Mark Leonard

To:

Mary Bagley <vzchurchclerk@gmail.com>

Subject:

Re: River Front Park

Hi Mary and David- Thank you for your email. I will send it onto the Council so they receive it as well.

Mark

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Mary Bagley <<u>vzchurchclerk@gmail.com</u>> on Wednesday, April 20, 2016 at 3:59 PM -0400 wrote: Hello Mark,

David and I want to voice our support for the RiverFront Park. We think the town should accept it as a gift. It is a wonderful opportunity to increase Veazie's recreational holdings. Thank you, Mary and David Bagley

Title:

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Message

Tue, Apr 19, 2016 11:00 PM

From:

Deb Roy <debroy1313@gmail.com>

To:

Mark Leonard

Subject:

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I support to riverside park. We need to keep the small town charm. Debbie Lancaster Roy

Title:

Message

Tue, Apr 19, 2016 8:29 AM

From:

Mark Leonard

To:

Nathan Sheranian <njs68@cornell.edu>

Cc:

Mark Leonard

Subject:

Re: Riverside Park In Veazie

Nathan- Good morning! Thank you for your email. I will be certain to provide this to the members of the Council. I'm aware that some of the Councilor's concerns is the unknown future cost for maintenance and upkeep which may be associated with the ownership of the park. I believe the park will be discussed at the next Council meeting which will be on Monday, April 25 at 630PM.

Again, thank you for your email.

Mark

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Nathan Sheranian < njs68@cornell.edu > on Saturday, April 16, 2016 at 8:55 PM -0400 wrote: Mr. Leonard,

I want you to know that I support the Riverside Park in Veazie. As you know, the river is important to the history of the town. Converting the property to public ownership will enable all citizens of the town to enjoy the space now that it is no longer needed for industrial purposes. But beyond that, opening up the space for public usage will benefit all residents, elderly and youthful, as it will attract people to visit one of Veazie's most defining characteristics: the waterfront.

Not long ago, Bangor revitalized it's waterfront and it has drawn my family down stream. It has lead me to spend money in Bangor, at restaurants and gas stations. It would be awesome to have a park that would draw people to Veazie. Like Bangor gets economic benefit from guests like me, I'm sure Veazie would realize similar such benefits through the Riverfront park.

This can be a special place that will have lasting benefit and tie everybody to the fascinating history of the town. It will be yet another feature to add to the list of great assets of our town, including the school and forested woods.

If there are concerns that you or the town council have about assuming ownership of the property, I would very much appreciate a response detailing those items.

Thank you,

Nathan

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Message

Tue, Apr 19, 2016 8:30 AM

From:

Mark Leonard

To:

Emma Macaillen <em.macaillen@hotmail.com>

Cc:

Mark Leonard

Subject:

Re: Veazie Park

Emma- Thank you for your email. I will forward it to the Council members.

Mark

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Emma Macaillen < em.macaillen@hotmail.com > on Sunday, April 17, 2016 at 11:38 AM -0400 wrote: What a remarkable gift to be offered to Veazie. It certainly would increase the value of living there. Please support this development.

It is forward thinking and an opportunity for Veazie to be on the map.

Emma Macaillen, Orono

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Message

Tue, Apr 19, 2016 8:32 AM

From:

Mark Leonard

To:

Sally Arata <sjarata@aol.com>

Cc:

Mark Leonard

Subject:

Re: River front park

Thank you Sally for your email! I will make certain to forward it to the members of the Council.

Mark

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Sally Arata <sjarata@aol.com > on Sunday, April 17, 2016 at 2:27 PM -0400 wrote:

Dear Mark, last fall as I was biking around town, I discovered the new park area created along the river. What a wonderful site! Now I understand that the town perhaps would let it go to someone else. We would sincerely suggest that the town find a way to cover the maintenance involved. What a shame it would be to lose this for the future. My best Sally

Sent from my iPhone

Title:

Message
Tue, Apr 19, 2016 8:35 AM

From:

Mark Leonard

To:

Jeffrey Benjamin < jeffrey.g.benjamin@gmail.com>

Cc:
Bob Rice < rwrice@maine.edu>
cbagley400@gmail.com
Mark Leonard

Subject:
Re: Penobscot River Restoration Trust - Veazie Street Park / Trail

Mr Benjamin- Thank you for your email! I will make certain to forward it to all members of the Council. You are correct that we do have a Council meeting scheduled for April 25 at 630Pm here at the Town Office.

Again, thank you for the email.

Mark

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Jeffrey Benjamin < <u>jeffrey.g.benjamin@gmail.com</u> > on Sunday, April 17, 2016 at 5:40 PM -0400 wrote:

Good evening to all of you,

Mr. Leonard, we have not met officially, but I used to work with Dr. Rice at UMaine and I helped Mr. Bagley with Little League last year. My name is Jeff Benjamin and I have been a resident of Veazie

since 2006. I live at 12 Arbor Drive with my wife and three children.

The reason I am writing to all of you is to express my support for the Town of Veazie to own, operate and manage the proposed park at the end of Veazie Street. I only recently found out that it does not already belong to the Town. My understanding is that the Penobscot River Restoration Trust would like to donate the land to the Town.

I have been waiting with anticipation since last fall and through the winter for the park to open. It will provide an additional trail / route for my exercise (jogging / walking) and it will provide a safe access point to the river for my family. I know this would have been another selling feature for us if the park had been available when we moved here 10 years ago. If we were to own this land we would join our neighbors (Bangor, Brewer, and Old Town) with a great location to enjoy riverfront property.

I have been asking around with friends in town to try and find out why there is an objection by town council to accepting the donation. I have heard that maintenance costs and liability insurance are at least part of the issue. If these are indeed the reasons, could you provide me with details as to how much this is actually projected to cost since I cannot imagine liability insurance would increase to any great extent and the maintenance could not be more the \$1000-\$1500 per year. I can easily see this as a part time summer job for a high school student.

I understand there is a council meeting on Monday night (25th) and I will do my best to be there. If for some reason I cannot make it, please accept this email as my formal support for the project/initiative.

If you have any questions or comments for me, my phone number is 262-2161.

Message

Tue, Apr 19, 2016 8:36 AM

From:

Mark Leonard

To:

Holly Humphrey <hhumphrey@veaziecs.org>

Cc:

Mark Leonard

Subject:

Re: Note from Holly Dunbar Humphrey to your Facebook Page Veazie Citizens Suppo

Thank you Holly! I will make certain to forward your comment to all members of the Council.

Mark

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Holly Humphrey < hhumphrey@veaziecs.org > on Sunday, April 17, 2016 at 6:52 PM -0400 wrote: Hi Mark,

I am just writing in support of the town of Veazie excepting the land by the river...Riverside park. It is a beautiful piece of land and such a great place for the people of veazie. It may also attract visitors. I think we are very lucky to have it in our little town.

Holly Humphrey

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| To: | webuddy@hotmail.com" <w< th=""><th>ebuddy@hotmail.com></th><th></th></w<> | ebuddy@hotmail.com> | |
| Cc: | Mark Leonard | | |
| Subject: | Re: Riverside Park | | |

Thank you for your email! I will be certain to forward it to the members of the Council.

Mark

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I'm definitely interested in helping with cleaning up etc the park. I believe it a would be beneficial to the community.

[&]quot;webuddy@hotmail.com" < webuddy@hotmail.com > on Monday, April 18, 2016 at 12:54 PM -0400 wrote:

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| Subject: | Council meeting April 11, 2016 | | |

To the Veazie Town Council,

I am writing in regards to the Council meeting held April 11, 2016. I and others were present, including Laura Rose Day representing the Penobscot River Restoration Trust (PRRT), and Andy Brown, Chair of the Conservation Commission in regards to Item 12: Follow up discussion regarding the proposed land transfer from River Restoration to the Town of Veazie. A list of questions were developed and referred to legal staff for review. A response to these questions has been received and forwarded to Council for review. Town legal staff will be present to discuss any further questions that may have been developed from his response or to discuss any additional questions that may arise.

When the Council came to Item 12 it was announced that they were going into Executive Session. This was not mentioned beforehand or in any part of the agenda. After having to stand in the hall outside the Council Chambers, we where allowed back in only to hear the Council was moving on to Item 13. When someone asked "what about Item 12 and was the town going to be able to meet the deadline the River Restoration is looking for"; I believe the only response was that the Council doesn't know at this time. After talking to others present at this meeting including Laura Rose Day and Andy Brown, this was not what we were expecting.

I am one of the few that has property bordering the park itself, and I feel that I should hear and be heard as should all the town's residents about any information and concerns pertaining to this proposal. A least one of the Council members knows me and where I live. It was disappointing that no one on the Council motioned that maybe we could hear or be heard on this item, especially with the Town Attorney, Laura Rose Day, and Town Manager Mark Leonard present.

I am writing this letter on Sunday morning from my home overlooking the park and the Penobscot River. Both are beautiful and it would be a shame if all were not able to enjoy what I feel is a gift not only from the PRRT, but nature itself. Maybe the Council should hold a meeting on a beautiful day in this park to see why I and others believe this park would be a great asset to our town, and move forward to make this happen as quickly as possible, and to keep all town citizens informed.

Respectfully,

Lloyd Smith

Veazie Community School

1040 School Street Veazie, ME 04401 (207)947-6573 / FAX(207)947-6570 Principal, Matthew Cyr



4/14/16

TO: Mr. Mark Leonard, Veazie Town Manager

FROM: Matthew Cyr, Veazie Community School Principal

RE: Veazie Riverside Park

Dear Mr. Leonard,

It was brought to my attention that the Town of Veazie has opportunity to obtain a significant amount of riverfront property adjoining the existing park. I am writing to express full support of this acquisition. Such a parcel of land could easily lend itself toward countless school and community events. I will closely monitor the ongoing situation and once again offer full support from the Veazie Community School.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Matthew D. Cyr Principal

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