



Veazie Town Council

Regular Meeting

**May 23rd, 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 May 9th Regular Council Meeting Minutes
- ITEM 6:** Comments from the Public

New Business:

- ITEM 7:** Signing of Warrant for School Budget Validation
- ITEM 8:** June 14th Council Meeting Discussion
- ITEM 9:** Capital Highway Maintenance Discussion

Old Business:

- ITEM 10:** Water District Trustees Update
- ITEM 11:** Community Center Redevelopment Committee Update
- ITEM 12:** FY 15/16 -Council Goals and Objectives Review
- ITEM 13:** Executive Session 1 MRSA - 405 (6)(F)- Discussion of confidential records
- 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 #22 and Town Payroll #23, School Payroll Warrant #24 and AP School Warrant #24.
- 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

Veazie Town Council Meeting/Public Hearing
May 9th, 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 Matthew Cyr, Budget Committee members Judy Horten, Brian Perkins 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 6:30 pm.

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

ITEM 3: Pledge of Allegiance

ITEM 4: Consideration of the Agenda
Councilor Bagley suggested to add a park update under old business but Manager Leonard stated that there wasn't any available updates. It is in the hands of both lawyers at this point.

ITEM 5: Approval of the April 25th, 2016 Regular Council Meeting Minutes and May 2nd Special Council Meeting Minutes
Councilor David King made a motion, seconded by Councilor Karen Walker to approve the April 25th, 2016 Regular Council Meeting Minutes as written. Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried.

Councilor Robert Rice made a motion, seconded by Councilor Dave King to approve the May 2nd, 2016 Special Council Meeting Minutes as written. Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried.

ITEM 6: Comments from the public
None.

New Business:

ITEM 7: Public Hearing on proposed FY 16/17 Municipal/School Budget
Councilor Robert Rice made a motion, seconded by Councilor David King to enter the Public Hearing on the proposed FY 16/17 Municipal/School Budget at 6:33 pm. Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried.

Councilor David King made a motion, seconded by Councilor Karen Walker to exit the Public Hearing at 6:34 pm Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried.

ITEM 8: Signing of Warrant for Annual Town Meeting
Councilor Robert Rice made a motion, seconded by Councilor Karen Walker to approve and sign the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting as written. Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried.

ITEM 9: Signing of Adoption of the Penobscot County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan

Councilor David King made a motion, seconded by Councilor Karen Walker to sign and approve the Adoption of the Penobscot County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan upon clarifying the contents of the map. Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried.

ITEM 10: Donation requests review

Councilor Robert Rice made a motion, seconded by Councilor David King to donate to the following entities:

Gateway Seniors without walls - \$500.00
Community Health & Counseling - \$250.00
Spruce Run - \$100.00
Eastern Area Agency on Aging - \$300.00
Penquis - \$350.00
For a total of \$1500.00

Voted 3-2-0. Motion carried. Councilor Chris Bagley and Councilor Karen Walker opposed.

ITEM 11: Meet the candidates night discussion

The Council agreed to have a meet the candidate night at the Veazie Community School on May 31st at 6:00pm. Manager Leonard will contact candidates to set up this function.

Old Business:

ITEM 12: Orono Invoice discussion

The Council agreed to pay the Town of Orono \$7500.00 instead of the original agreed upon amount of \$10,000.00. Manager Leonard will get an amended invoice from the Orono Town Manager.

ITEM 13 Manager's Report

Manager Leonard reviewed his report with the Councilor's.

ITEM 14: Comments from the Public

There were several comments made by the public.

ITEM 15: Requests for information and Town Council Comments

Councilor Bagley questioned what time the June 14th Council Meeting would be. The Council agreed to discuss this at the next meeting. Manager Leonard let the Council know that there would be a road presentation and a Community Center discussion at the next meeting as well. Chairman Perry will not be able to attend the May 23rd Council Meeting.

ITEM 16: Review & sign of AP Town Warrant #21 and Town Payroll #22 School Payroll Warrant #22 & #23 and AP School Warrant #22 & #23.

The warrants were circulated and signed.

ITEM 17: Adjournment

Councilor David King motioned to adjourn
Councilor Karen Walker seconded. No discussion. Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried.
Adjourned at 7:42pm

A True Copy Attest
Julie Strout, Deputy Clerk

WARRANT FOR SCHOOL BUDGET VALIDATION REFERENDUM

STATE OF MAINE
PENOBSCOT, ss.



To: Mark Leonard, Chief of Police for the Town of Veazie, Maine

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby requested to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Veazie, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to assemble at the Municipal Building, 1084 Main Street, Veazie, Maine, at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 21st, 2016 to act upon the following articles:

ARTICLE 1. To elect a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ARTICLE 2. Do you favor approving the Veazie Municipal School Unit budget for the upcoming school year that was adopted at the latest Veazie school budget meeting?

You are hereby notified that the Veazie school budget validation referendum will be held at the Veazie Municipal Building, 1084 Main Street, Veazie, Maine on Tuesday, June 21st, 2016 for the purposes stated in Articles 1 and 2. The polls shall open at 8:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m. The Registrar of Voters will hold office hours while the polls are open to correct any error in or change a name or address on the voting list and to accept the registration of any person eligible to vote. A person who is not registered as a voter may not vote in any election.

Given under our hands this _____ day of May, 2016.

TAMMY PERRY, Chair _____

DAVID KING _____

KAREN WALKER _____

ROBERT RICE _____

CHRIS BAGLEY _____

Veazie Town Council

ATTEST:

Mark Leonard, Chief of Police

To: Town Council

From: Mark Leonard, Town Manager



ITEM # 9

Date: 05/20/2016

Ref: Highway Capital Paving Proposals

Below are budget numbers for suggested paving projects for FY 2016-2017. The suggested roads and pricing are as follows:

1. Old County Road: \$31,280.00
2. Prouty Drive to include Penobscot Circle: \$59,238.00
3. Highview Drive: \$29,900.00
4. Mt View: \$37,000.00
5. Chase Road from Mt View to Town Line: \$33,025.00
6. Brookside and Wood Lane: \$34,120.00
7. Jackson Drive from box 20 to intersection of Buck Hill Extension: \$28,086.00

Total: \$252,649.00

This is a very aggressive paving list but with the current paving prices I feel now is the time to take advantage of the pricing and tackle a large number of roads. This will not resolve all of our paving issues but it will bring us much closer than we were only a few years ago. To accomplish this I recommend that in addition to the \$150,000.00 we are requesting at the Town meeting, we transfer an additional \$100,000.00 from the undesignated account into the highway capital account. We currently have nearly \$700,000.00 in the undesignated account which doesn't include and potential carryover that may be added from FY 15/16.

As you will recall last year we purchased road maintenance software which I was working with this year until the program updated and did not reinstall last year's information as it was supposed to do. I will be working with the software vendor to re-populate the data, but at the time of this memo I'm unable to provide you with that information.

Attached is the proposed work and pricing schedule from both Lou Silver and Hopkins.

LOU SILVER, INC.

Veazie, Maine 04401

BULL DOZING • BACKFILLING • GRAVEL • FILL • BACKHOE & SHOVEL WORK

MAILING ADDRESS
P.O. Box 22
Orono, Maine 04473
Phone: Bangor, Maine 942-8074

May 20, 2016

Town of Veazie
1084 Main Street
Veazie, Me. 04401
Attn: Mark Leonard

Re: 2016 Road Budget pricing

Dear Mark,

Listed below is our pricing for work the town is pricing out for road overlay/rebuilding.

1.) High view Terrace:

Reset 6 catch basin frame & grates

Shim edge of roadway approx 415 LF both sides

830 LF total

7,400.00

2.) Chase Road:

Shim pavement edge 1200 LF both sides

2400 LF total

5,800.00

3.) Town office ditch/culvert rip rap repair:

A.) Narrow area to stream

750.00

B.) Minor clearing rip rap approx 20' wide to stream

2,370.00

4.) Jackson Drive:

Shim edge of roadway 1140 LF both sides 2280 LF total

5,586.00

5.) Mt View Drive:

Shim edge of roadway 810 LF both sides 1620LF total

Reconstruct 240 LF of roadway

Fine grade of gravel by others

14,950.00

6.) Brookside Terrace:

Shim edge of roadway 400LF both sides 800 LF total

4,485.00

Seperate
Project *

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7.) Wood Lane:

Shim edge of roadway 400LF both sides 800LF total 2,260.00

8a.) Prouty Drive:

Shim edge of roadway 976 LF both sides 1952 LF both sides
Reconstruct 530 LF of roadway
Fine grade of gravel by others
This price ends at 27 Prouty Drive parking lot driveway 34,473.00

8b.) Prouty Drive 1st culdesac:

Shim edge of pavement 510.00

8c.) Prouty Drive:

Shim short piece of roadway & culdesac 1,230.00

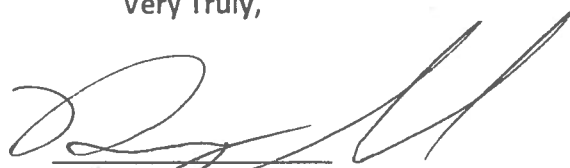
9a.) Reconstruct Old County Road 425 LF:

Overlay remainder
Fine grade of gravel by others 16,720.00

9b.) Old County Road culvert replacement :

Approx 50 LF 3,600.00

Very Truly,



Barney W. Silver

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REVISED ESTIMATE

917 Blackstream Road
 Hermon, Maine 04401
 (207) 848-7007
 Fax (207) 848-0424
info@hopkinslandscapes.com

DATE: 05/11/2016

TO: Town of Veazie ADDRESS:	PHONE: FAX:
JOB LOCATION:	
ESTIMATOR: Mike Hopkins	

DESCRIPTION	ESTIMATED QUANTITY	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL
<u>Old County Road (1760 SY)</u>			
Reclaim & Fine Grade	1760 SY	\$2.75/SY	\$4,840.00
Place 6" Reclaim	335 CY	\$14.00/CY	\$4,690.00
2 ½" HMA Binder Pavement	242 Ton	\$75.00/Ton	\$18,150.00
<u>Prouty & Penobscot Circle</u>			
1 ½" Shim & Overlay	307 Ton	\$75.00/Ton	\$23,025.00
<u>Jackson Drive – From Box 20 to Intersection (3616 SY)</u>			
1 ½" Shim & Overlay	300 Ton	\$75.00/Ton	\$22,500.00
<u>Chase Road – From Mt View to Town Line (4400 SY)</u>			
1 ½" Shim & Overlay	363 Ton	\$75.00/Ton	\$27,225.00
<u>Mt View – Excavation by others</u>			
Fine Grade & 2" HMA Binder Pavement	80 Ton	\$75.00/Ton	\$6,000.00
1 ½" Shim & Overlay	214 Ton	\$75.00/Ton	\$16,050.00
<u>Brookside (2954 SY) & Wood Lane (1467 SY)</u>			
Shim & Overlay	365 Ton	\$75.00/Ton	\$27,375.00
<u>Ridgeview Drive (5808 SY)</u>			
1 ½" Shim & Overlay	479 Ton	\$75.00/Ton	\$35,925.00
<u>Highview Drive (3814 SY)</u>			
1 ½" Shim & Overlay	300 Ton	\$75.00/Ton	\$22,500.00
*No Payment/Performance bonds included in the above pricing. Traffic control included. Testing by others if needed.			

Thank you for your business!



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917 Blackstream Road
Hermon, Maine 04401
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DATE: 05/11/2016

HOPKINS LANDSCAPING LLC guarantees all work and material to meet industry standards. Any changes in the work from that described in this contract will become an extra charge over and above this estimate, and will require customers signature before work is performed. This agreement is contingent upon strikes, accidents, weather or any other delay beyond our control. This proposal may be withdrawn if not accepted in writing within 30 days. This proposal may be adjusted due to any rise in the price of asphalt. If an adjustment is required the customer will be advised, and must accept the adjustment in writing prior to work being performed. HOPKINS LANDSCAPING LLC does not warranty washouts, cracks, frost damage or puddling due to lack of drainage. HOPKINS LANDSCAPING LLC's warranty only covers work performed by us. If groundwork is not performed by us, we only warranty the pavement thickness and installation. Damage by inadequate base material IS NOT warrantied. If grade around asphalt doesn't allow for proper drainage, we are not responsible for saturation damage. HOPKINS LANDSCAPING LLC does not backfill or loam edges of pavement unless SPECIFICALLY included in the quote. We do recommend that this work is done.

Payment due upon completion of work or a service charge of 1.5%, (18% APR) will be applied to any balance over 30 days from completion. After 60 days liens are placed on property. In the event of a non-payment, customer is responsible for paying all associated collection costs including lawyer fees.

By signing this contract, you acknowledge that you agree to its terms and conditions without exception. Please sign and return the original and keep a copy for your records.

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE	DATE

Thank you for your business!

Veazie Community Center Redevelopment Advisory Committee



Summary Report on Potential First Floor Renovations

Executive Summary/Action Items

The Veazie Community Center Redevelopment Advisory Committee believes that making the first floor of the Community Center usable is feasible and would be a substantial benefit to the Town. We recommend a minimalist approach, using the existing modest footprint and structure, and requiring a minimum of investment. We recommend the following action items:

- Begin the renovations by bringing the first floor space up to code. This will enable an increase in community usage as rapidly as possible. These code improvements include installation of a sprinkler system in the entire building and accessibility improvements for the entrance and restrooms. The Fire Marshal has indicated the building must have a sprinkler system. Additionally, the building must be updated to meet ADA requirements. We have worked with WBRC to develop a plan which has identified the minimum improvements required to meet these requirements and open the building to the general public. Funding for this work would come from the Tax Increment Financing fund, and would not be paid by the residential taxpayer.

We recommend the lowest cost method to make the building usable. It is technically feasible to make the first floor into a high quality facility, but the cost is high. A minimalist approach serves several key functions: it adds value to the building; it allows the public into the building, to test the usage of the building; and the smaller scope will make it easier to contain costs.

Summary

The Veazie Community Center Redevelopment Advisory Committee was established to evaluate the renovation of the Community Center building. The Committee has held many meetings for the purpose of gathering public input, raising funds, and facilitating the renovation. Significant progress has been made. The Town has received five grants as well as both cash and in-kind donations for the building. Concept drawings have been developed, windows and doors replaced, the building insulated and heated with a new furnace. This report summarizes the history of the Committee and key activities and accomplishments, describes our major findings, and presents a feasible path forward for the Town.

The consensus of the Committee is that a modest Veazie community center would provide an improved quality of life for town residents. Many people have noted that Veazie lacks a town center, and an informal, public meeting space for adults and teens. In general, the ideas and comments provided by town residents reflect that the building should offer benefits to all age groups, and serve a variety of needs. Veazie residents have many ideas as to what uses the building might fulfill. In general, most people think the building ought to be multi-use, which is a blend of public and private use. Some ideas are pure recreation, while other ideas are a potential money-maker for the town. Many believe that a blend of the two would be best.

People are aware of the potential redevelopment costs, but they note that other towns have small community centers, libraries, or grange halls, or similar facilities. For many long time Veazie residents, they utilized the Community Center as children. They fondly remember the building, and they recognize that the renovation of the building will take time and money. Residents also want to minimize tax burden, which makes obtaining grant funding an attractive option. In general, many residents would support a building that roughly broke even, in terms of cost.

Various people and organizations have evaluated the building. The general consensus is that while it was initially well-constructed, significant portions of the building are obsolete. The building will require construction upgrades to bring it to the appropriate building code requirements. Better access, ADA compliant bathrooms and access, and a sprinkler system are among the primary needs. When the Committee was formed, the building was believed to have no value. Various entities had looked at the building, but the combination of small site footprint, substantial needed repairs, and non-compliance with various codes prevented sale of the building. It had languished for more than a decade. It was leased to the Eastern Maine School of Self Defense, partly as a way to keep the building functioning. Over the last few years, grant funds have improved the building, making it less costly to operate. Reduced operating costs, along with an increase in the lease rate paid by the tenant, mean that the building is now operating nearer to breakeven.

The Town Council requested that the Community Center Redevelopment Advisory Committee evaluate options for improving the first floor of the building. In order to evaluate different options, the committee worked with WBRC. In this report, we present two options to accomplish that goal. The first is the basic option, the minimalist approach which allows access to the first floor. The second is a high quality option to renovate the downstairs into a premium space.

Minimalist Approach

WBRC has recently provided an estimate for a minimalist approach for making the first floor usable to the general public. The total estimate to get the building usable is approximately \$72,000. Note that these funds could be available from the Tax Increment Financing fund, and would not be borne by Veazie's residential taxpayers. The scope of this minimalist approach includes installing a sprinkler system in the entire building and making accessibility improvements to the main entrance and restrooms. We note that there is currently roughly \$400,000 in the TIF fund, which will soon increase to nearly \$500,000.

WBRC's estimate appears in Table 1. Note that the existing users have been grandfathered, but these upgrades are required for any new users of the building. The Fire Marshal has determined that the entire building must be served by a sprinkler. Additionally, the building must meet ADA and access requirements.

High Quality Renovation

WBRC recently provided an estimate to complete full renovation to most of the first floor to create a high quality space that would be inviting to any interested user. The estimated cost to complete this work is approximately \$450,000. The scope of this work includes installation of a building sprinkler system, complete gut of the ground floor except the kitchen, boiler room and stair well area. The improvements include new bathrooms, fully renovated meeting rooms, and commercial kitchen with exhaust hood; new walls and ceilings, electrical wiring, light fixtures and heating distribution.

Conclusion

The building is somewhat small, and limiting the renovations to the first floor using a minimalist approach would control renovation costs while allowing access and use of the building by the town. This will allow the townspeople to have a voice in determining the future direction of the redevelopment efforts by how they choose to use the facility once it is available. We recommend that the Town redevelop the building as a small, multi-use Community Center. The redevelopment process should occur at a reasonable pace and provide for a mix of revenue generating and recreational activities for everyone. Costs should be minimized through the use of grants, TIF funds, and by using volunteer assistance. Renovation will require perseverance, but there is no reason to believe that Veazie would be less successful than any other town in renovating an older building. Ongoing support and assistance will be required by town residents. Town residents are willing to volunteer their time, if they feel the project improves the community and the process will be productive and enjoyable.

Table 1: Minimalist Approach

Opinion of Probable Costs

Pre-Design Phase

May 18, 2016

Veazie Community Center Improvements

Costs

A CONSTRUCTION COSTS

1	NFPA 13 Sprinkler System <i>(incl's GC, OH & P)</i>	6,992	\$	5.67		\$39,664
	1.1 1st Floor Building cost	3,496	\$	3.80	\$ 13,284.80	
	1.2 2nd Floor Building cost	3,496	\$	5.40	\$ 18,879.00	
	1.3 Site cost			Lump Sum	\$ 7,500.00	
2	Existing Toilet Room ADA Improvements <i>(incl's GC, OH & P)</i>					\$4,730
	2.1 Demolition (toilet partitions, relocate door)	110	\$	8.00	\$ 880.00	
	2.2 Improvements <i>(grab bars, accessories, relocate door)</i>	110	\$	35.00	\$ 3,850.00	
3	ADA Entrance Improvements <i>(incl's GC, OH & P)</i>					\$20,750
	2.1 Demolition (doors, walls, relocate door, asphalt)	83	\$	30.00	\$ 2,490.00	
	2.2 Improvements <i>(doors & hardware, no door operators, walls, finishes, lights, power, entry slab)</i>	83	\$	220.00	\$ 18,260.00	
4	Project Contingency			10.0%		\$6,514
Subtotal Section A		6,992	\$	10.25		<u>\$71,658</u>

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Opinion of Construction Budget

Table 2: High Quality Approach

Concept Phase

March 24, 2016

3636.40 Veazie Community Center
Veazie, Maine

					TOTAL
CONSTRUCTION COSTS					
		Unit Type	Units	Unit Cost	
A	Demolition				
1	General Demolition	SF Plan	2,750	\$ 4.75	\$13,063
B	Substructure				
1	Entry Slab and Foundations	Lump Sum	1	\$ 3,500.00	\$3,500
C	Shell				
1	Roof Canopy Construction	SF Plan	185	\$ 28.00	\$5,180
2	Roof Canopy, Membrane and Flashing	SF Plan	185	\$ 12.00	\$2,220
3	Canopy Ceiling	SF Plan	185	\$ 8.00	\$1,480
D	Interiors				
D1	General				
1	Partitions (Studs/GWB)	LF Walls	205	\$ 45.80	\$9,389
2	Interior Doors/Frame/Hardware	Each	7	\$ 1,800.00	\$12,600
3	Light Duty Closet Doors/Frame/Hardware	Each	6	\$ 800.00	\$4,800
4	Visual Display Surfaces	SF Walls	-	\$ 11.45	\$0
5	Wall Finishes (Paint)	SF Plan	3,315	\$ 0.95	\$3,149
6	Floor Finishes (VCT)	SF Plan	2,200	\$ 3.25	\$7,150
7	Polished Concrete	SF Plan	1,100	\$ 0.90	\$990
8	Floor Finishes (CT)	SF Plan	310	\$ 5.25	\$1,628
9	Ceiling Finishes	SF Plan	2,565	\$ 3.75	\$9,619
D2	Equipment and Specialties				
10	Casework and Counters	LF	22	\$ 195.00	\$4,290
11	Acoustic Wall Treatments	SF Walls	1,500	\$ 2.00	\$3,000
12	Operable Partitions	Each	-	\$ 30,000.00	\$0
13	Interior Signage	SF Plan	3,315	\$ 0.25	\$829
14	Elevator (Including fire rated GVB shaft)	Each	-	\$ 95,000.00	\$0
E	Services				
E1	Plumbing				
1	Plumbing Fixtures	lump sum	1	\$ 10,000.00	\$10,000
2	Piping Valves and Connections	lump sum	1	\$ 8,000.00	\$8,000
E2	HVAC				
1	HVAC System	lump sum	1	\$ 70,000.00	\$35,000
2	Convert Steam Boiler to Hot Water	lump sum	1	\$ 40,000.00	\$25,000
3	Kitchen Hood Exhaust System	lump sum	1	\$ 25,000.00	\$25,000
E3	Fire Protection				
1	Sprinklers	SF Plan	10,500	\$ 4.50	\$47,250
E4	Electrical				
1	Service/Distribution	SF Plan	10,500	\$ 3.24	\$34,020
3	Lighting, Devices and Branch Wiring	lump sum	1	\$ 20,000.00	\$20,000
4	Fire Alarm System	SF Plan	2,750	\$ 1.75	\$4,813
5	Communications and security	lump sum	1	\$ 10,000.00	\$10,000
F	Site				
1	Excavation/Fill	LF Plan	960	\$ 3.24	\$3,110
2	Water Service	lump sum	1	\$ 10,000.00	\$10,000
3	Patch Paving	SF Plan	960	\$ 3.75	\$3,600
					\$318,679
G	Contractor				
1	General Conditions			10%	\$31,868
2	Overhead			5%	\$15,934
3	Profit			10%	\$31,868
					\$79,670
H	Estimate Contingency				
1	Concept Level Contingency			5%	\$19,917
TOTAL of Construction Budget					\$418,266

Appendix A: Public Input

At the beginning of the process, the volunteer committee solicited public comment by holding four general public meetings as well as reaching out to the community's civic groups such as the Veazie PTO, senior group, garden club, recreation department, Eastern Maine School of Self Defense, Conservation commission, ski club, Old Town and Orono Recreation Departments, and the planning board. Additionally, an open forum was held to solicit input. What resulted was the solicitation of ideas from over 150 residents in a community of about 1,900 people.

The overwhelming sentiment of the residents was that the facility should be a multi-functional community center that included space for, among other uses: a farmer's market, a supervised teens and children study groups and activities, community dances, reception hall that residents can rent out for parties and other family functions, a book swap, clothing swap, theatre group, a drop in play group for small children and other like uses. The community also supported using the space upstairs to rent out for dance classes, yoga and other exercise classes. The general consensus was to serve the whole community, including seniors, other adults, and children. The specific ideas presented by town residents appears below.

We recognize that the Community Center is a small project in terms of the Town. The building itself is relatively small. The downstairs consists largely of two rooms and the kitchen. Additionally, the net cost from an ongoing operational perspective is small. Any net cost could be easily overcome by fundraising and potential exterior rental (e.g, yard sales, farmer's market).

List of Ideas from General Public and Groups

Potential uses of community center building:

- Dances like at Anderson Center in Orono
- Good to have meetings there
- Something for older kids (supervised teen rec center)
- If renovated – yoga classes
- Book club could meet
- A potential use might be for jam sessions. Rental of space for music.
- Wedding receptions (they used to be held there -- might bring in income.)
- Anniversary parties
- Day care center. Someone had been considering a day care facility in the community center building.
- Adult care center.
- Child care facilities.
- The Community Center was a teen center in the 1940's and 1950's. Kids spent a lot of time there.

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- It would be useful to educate kids about the outdoors. Somehow should get kids interested and educated about the outdoors, rather than having them play video games.
- The Community Center could be a focus for community projects. Potential for projects on town forests. Work with the school in some way, e.g., such as using town forests as a laboratory for classes (such as the tree measurement and statistics unit).
- Community Center could be a focus for getting kids involved in helping the community.
- Have a board that indicates what projects need volunteers. Might advertise other projects that pay kids, such as need for yard work.
- Clothes swap
- Book swap
- Teen center
- Game center
- Drop in play group
- Rent for birthday parties
- Upstairs – commercial space (yoga, dance, karate ...)
- Meals out of kitchen
- Something constructive
- Kids modern dance
- Senior housing
- Green space or park
- Related to Recreation department
- Money maker section
- Game room space
- Wedding receptions
- Useful for people in the future
- What do you really want – yoga, karate, dance
- Be a center of town life
- Pal center
- Arcade center
- Kitchen – bake sales, fundraising
- Pot luck dinners
- Bean suppers with more parking
- Table tennis instruction

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- Fencing
- Girl Scout or Boy Scout meetings
- Showers
- Central hub
- Weight Watchers
- teen center (supervised programming only)
- meeting place for boy scout/cub scout/girl scout organizations
- contra dance
- Blood Drive
- Bingo
- Ski Club meetings (Penobscot Valley Ski Club)
- RSU offices in portion
- Theatre group
- Basketball court
- Fitness area
- Toy library
- Regular library – where books can be checked out
- A meeting place for people for discussions and clubs
- Movies on weekends could be held there
- Have indoor activities for fitness in the winter

Planning Considerations

- Be both a cost center and a profit center
- Talk to stakeholders
- Old Town Rec is like this
- Go to the various facilities
- Veazie Rec is run mainly out of the school
- Cleaning – how will payments be made?
- In-kind services
- Fees to users can't be too high
- In-kind services can be difficult
- Insurance, personal liability

- Lessees must have insurances
- Multiple use is best
- Be careful about design – should be useful for lots of different people
- Design so that it meets the needs of a range of people
- Competing needs need to be thought through
- Multifunctional infrastructure
- Multifunctional space
- Building staff checks things out
- Different parts
- Staff have some level of control
- Somebody to open and close it
- Merge all the ideas together
- Rec might need additional staff
- Make a go of it
- There have been a range of uses proposed for the building over the years.
- Seniors like their current meeting space.
- The town of Veazie pays \$5,000 per year for the meeting space in the Graham building.
- Transportation via wheelchair to the community center building might be difficult for some seniors.
- A museum use is been considered for the old power plant building along the Penobscot.
- What does it look like inside the building now? Need a way to show people the interior.
- Model the facility on the Harbor House in Southwest Harbor
- Use policies should be in writing, clearly explained, and with responsibilities laid out
- Earn money on use of the building as an offset
- Make it multiuse

Public Meeting Summary

Public Ideas and Comments: Dot Tally

- Supervised teen recreation center, Pal center, drop in play group, game center, arcade center, tutoring, homework assistance, indoor basketball, toy library. **15 dots**
- Rent to businesses or have public classes for: yoga, dance, karate, fencing, kids modern dance, table tennis instruction, bingo, fitness center, theatre group. **12 dots**

- Meeting place: book club, ski club, Girl Scouts, AA, etc. **8 dots**
- Rent space for birthday parties, showers, wedding receptions, dances, music rehearsals, anniversary parties. **7 dots**
- Day care center, child care center, adult care center. **3 dots**
- Pot luck dinners, bean suppers, bake sales, fundraising, blood drives. **2 dots**
- Clothes swap, book swap, food cupboard, meals for me, give and take. **1 dot**
- Town park, green space. **0 dots**
- Housing. **0 dots**
- Office building, RSU offices. **0 dots**
- Kitchen related uses. **0 dots**

In addition to the uses listed above, other ideas have surfaced during various meetings. For instance, one idea has been to use the parking area for a farmer's market. The Community Center is near the town garden area.

Another idea has been to use a room, or antechamber, to house historic items related to the Veazie Dam.

Finally, the siren on the top of the Community Center building has some history, and people have indicated it should be displayed downstairs.

We anticipate that more ideas will come forward as the building is renovated.

Appendix B: Financing

The Community Center Redevelopment Advisory Committee has been successful in securing initial financing. Initial fundraising has focused on improving the energy efficiency of the building, gathering input from the public, and developing initial drawings. Sources of funding include:

- 1) A \$3,000 grant from the Maine Community Foundation, which was used to develop the initial drawings, as well as to provide some assistance from EMDC with strategic planning.
- 2) An \$8,500 ARRA federal grant. This grant was originally administered by Maine Public Utilities Commission. It was pass-through from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. This was matched by roughly \$9,000 from the Community Center reserve account. The primary purpose of this grant was to improve energy efficiency of the building. This grant focused on replacement of nearly all the windows in the building as well as some lighting improvements.
- 3) A \$30,000 ARRA federal block grant. This grant was originally administered by Efficiency Maine. It was pass-through from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. The primary purpose of this grant was to replace the boiler and convert to propane, insulate the building, and replace doors.
- 4) Brownfield grant. This grant covered costs for consultants to examine the site and building for various sorts of contamination, such as lead paint and asbestos.
- 5) A \$2,500 grant from the Machais Savings Bank to paint the building.
- 6) Miscellaneous fundraising: The Community Center Committee and the Town of Veazie Recreation Department held a Veazie Days event in 2009. Events included a 5K, yard sale, pancake breakfast, pie baking contest, and a barbeque. Additionally, donations from local businesses were received. Total raised from these sources was in the range of \$925. Roughly \$500 of these funds were used for signage.
- 7) The Community Center was included as one item in the Second Amendment to and Restatement of the Casco Bay Energy Company, LLC Municipal Development and Tax Increment Financing Development Program. The TIF District was amended to include the most likely route of extending a natural gas line. Additionally, the TIF allowed for improvements to the Community Center building to generally improve the space available for leasing to those existing and future commercial enterprises. The TIF agreement includes funds for work at the Community Center site. Notably, none of these funds come from the residential taxpayer.
- 8) A variety of in-kind donations have been received. Donated time has been provided by Town of Veazie staff as well as numerous volunteers. Notably, WBRC in Bangor has provided more than \$3,000 in-kind match in developing building drawings.
- 9) A tax-deductible charitable donation account is believed to have been established by the Town of Veazie. The purpose of the account was to allow individuals to donate money for the purpose of renovating the Community Center, and receive an income tax-deduction for their donation. In the

past, the Town has occasionally received unsolicited donations. To the best of our knowledge, that account has never been utilized.

Memo

ITEM # 12

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
7. 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.

Manager's Report

For May 23, 2016

Council Meeting

Since the last Council Meeting here are some things I've been working on as well as things occurring around Town.

I have completed the grant application to update/replace the video system at the School. The application will be reviewed during the first week of June by a local Review Committee and then will be forwarded to the State for final approval. The grant we are applying for will use homeland security monies that Penobscot County receives.

I met with Hopkins Paving regarding the proposed paving projects. They have submitted an updated quote and have agreed to drop the per ton price substantially from last year. Additionally, I met with Barney Silver who will also provide me with a quote in hopes we can make a final decision at the May 23rd Council Meeting at roads we will be paving for FY 16/17.

Following the last Council meeting I requested an updated invoice for Recreation and Library services received last year from the Town of Orono. I have confirmation from the Town Manager that a new invoice will be coming from the Orono Parks and Recreation Director.

I attended the Thriving in Place Meeting in which several topics were discussed and we were able to develop a Mission Statement for the group.

I had a meeting with Kathadin Trust Bank regarding the Town's Investment Accounts and the School banking accounts. They will put together a proposal to take over these accounts.

I continue to perform sign maintenance around Town as we look to replace older signs and posts. At this point, there has been no cost to the Town for the signs and post as they were previously awarded to us through a grant.

I assisted the Economic Development Committee in finalizing the plans for the Business Network Luncheon. The event was very well attended and they are in hopes of holding more meetings like this in the future.

I met with the Interim Fire Chief of the Maine Air National Guard Fire Department. He and I have been in contact since his appointment over a year ago regarding updating our Mutual Aid Agreement. The Agreement is now completed and waiting for final signatures from Base Officials. We have also discussed joint purchases and how our Fire Department can save by these agreements, i.e., ladder inspections, etc.

I have cleaned up the cemetery, trash etc., in preparation for the Cemetery Committee to put flags and flowers on lots prior to Memorial Day.

I participated in the annual street and stream cleanup which had a small turnout but we got a lot of work done. I will continue to explore ways we can generate more participation in this project for the upcoming years.

Manager's Report

For May 23, 2016

Council Meeting

The preparation work to relocate the Veteran's Monument from its current location to the Town Office has begun. I am ultimately trying to have the base complete and the monument moved prior to Memorial Day.

I attended the Police Department Staff Meeting and Training. Several items were discussed and training was provided by Officer Nichols.

I have been working with Office Staff to gather biographies and photographs of the candidates for Town Council and School Committee. This information will be available both prior to the "Meet and Greet" and at the event which is scheduled for May 31st at 6:00 PM at the School.

I have offered my assistance to Principal Cyr who is planning an event to include the Art Department, School children, seniors and the University of Maine. This event will take place at the "Riverside Park" on June 1st with a rain date of June 3rd.

I attended the Arbor Day Celebration which was held at the Veazie Community School. Numerous Students and Teachers attended and participated. The event was directed by Town Forester David Wardrop. The event started in the gymnasium and finished outside with many of the children planting trees that Forester Wardrop had received at a Tree City event. Thank you to the students. Teachers and Forester Wardrop for making this event a great success.

I attended the Cemetery Committee meeting to finalize the installation of flags and the planting of flowers. This will occur on May 24th if the weather cooperates. Additionally, we discussed the moving of the monument and needs once it has been moved and the installation of the fence on the sections of road that were closed last year.

Attachments:

1. Newsletter from Rep Lyford dated May 9th
2. Notification of Cemetery Committee Meeting
3. Articles from Bangor Daily News
4. Newsletter from Rep Lyford dated May 16th
5. Communication from Town Legal Staff
6. Handout provided to Business' that attended Business Network Luncheon
7. Announcement on meeting concerning senior yellow pages
8. Tree City achievement certificate

May 9, 2016 Legislative Update from
State Representative Peter A. Lyford

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127th Legislature Adjourns Without Day

On April 29, lawmakers convened to consider 33 bills vetoed by Governor LePage. For more information on the bills and whether the vetoes were sustained or overturned, you can visit the Legislature's Web site [here](#). To read the veto messages from Governor LePage, click [here](#).

With legislative business having been completed after adjournment sine die during the evening of Friday, April 29, pursuant to the [Constitution of Maine, Article IV, Part Third, Section 16](#), the general effective date for nonemergency laws passed during the Second Regular Session is Friday, July 29, 2016.



Useful Links for Government News & Information

May is Lyme Disease Awareness Month

May is Lyme Disease Awareness Month. Lyme disease is the most common vector-borne disease in Maine. The number of reported cases is anticipated to rise as the weather continues to get warmer.

Lyme disease is a bacterial infection carried by the deer tick. Cases have occurred in all 16 counties, and 1,171 cases of Lyme disease were reported statewide in 2015. Lyme disease is most

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common among school age children and adults older than 65.
Most infections occur during the summer months.

Throughout May, the Maine CDC hosts informational tables, presentations, provides information on ticks and diseases for newsletters, and records a tick-borne disease webinar. For a list of related activities, visit the Maine CDC's Lyme Disease Awareness Month page [here](#).

Annual Reports for Business and Nonprofit Entities are Due June 1, 2016

Annual reports are due on Wednesday, June 1, 2016 for all business and nonprofit entities on file with the Department of the Secretary of State as of December 31, 2015.

Maine's Secretary of State wishes to remind those who must file that they can do so quickly and easily using the Secretary of State's online filing system. To file online, click [here](#). Payments can be made by Visa, MasterCard, Discover, electronic check, or with a subscriber account.

The annual report fee is \$85 for domestic business entities, \$150 for foreign business entities, and \$35 for domestic or foreign nonprofit corporations. Entities that filed online in a previous year will be able to review the information provided at that time, and will simply need to update that information as necessary prior to filing this year's report.

For account subscribers, the online filing service includes additional functionality to assist with managing multiple annual report filings.

Another online service allows noncommercial clerks or noncommercial registered agents to change their addresses. Additionally, this service allows an authorized individual of a foreign entity (organized outside of the State of Maine) to change the principal or home office address. Anyone wishing to make these address changes separately from the online annual report filing service should click [here](#).

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For those who prefer to file a paper annual report, a preprinted form can be downloaded [here](#)

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A substantial late-filing penalty will be assessed, and may not be waived, on all reports received after the June 1, 2016 filing deadline.

The Secretary of State's Division of Corporations can assist with questions regarding annual report filing or changing an address.

The Division can be reached at (207) 624-7752 or by e-mail at cec.corporations@maine.gov.



U.S. Department of Transportation Expands and Accelerates Takata Air Bag Inflator Recall to Protect American Drivers and Passengers

The United States Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) is expanding and accelerating the recall of Takata air bag inflators. The decision follows the agency's confirmation of the root cause behind the inflators' propensity to rupture. Ruptures of the Takata inflators have been tied to ten deaths and more than 100 injuries in the United States.

Under the Amended Consent Order issued to Takata, the company is required to make a series of safety defect decisions that will support vehicle manufacturer recall campaigns of an additional estimated 35-40 million inflators, adding to the already 28.8 million inflators previously recalled. These expansions are planned to take place in phases between May 2016 and December 2019. The expansions mean that all Takata ammonium nitrate-based propellant driver and passenger frontal air bag inflators without a chemical drying agent, also known as a desiccant, will be recalled.

The five recall phases are based on prioritization of risk, determined by the age of the inflators and exposure to high humidity and fluctuating high temperatures that accelerate the degradation of the chemical propellant.

The NHTSA and its independent expert reviewed the findings of three independent investigations into the Takata air bag ruptures

and confirmed the findings on the root cause of inflator ruptures. A combination of time, environmental moisture, and fluctuating high temperatures contribute to the degradation of the ammonium nitrate propellant in the inflators. Such degradation can cause the propellant to burn too quickly, rupturing the inflator module and sending shrapnel through the air bag and into the vehicle occupants.

The NHTSA will also consult with affected vehicle manufacturers before revising the Coordinated Remedy Order that governs the accelerated program to obtain and install replacement inflators.

The Coordinated Remedy Program will continue to ensure that replacement inflators will be made available to highest-risk vehicles first. The revised Coordinated Remedy Program, to be announced this summer, will detail the updated vehicle prioritization schedule and the schedule by which manufacturers are required to procure sufficient supply of replacement parts to conduct the required recall repairs.

This is the largest and most complex safety recall in U.S. history.

Under the Coordinated Remedy Program, the NHTSA and manufacturers have committed to seek a 100 percent recall completion rate.

The recall expansion does not include inflators that include a chemical desiccant that absorbs moisture. There have been no reported ruptures of the desiccated inflators due to propellant degradation. Under the Amended Consent Order, Takata is required to redirect its research toward the safety of the desiccated inflators. Absent proof that the desiccated inflators are safe, Takata will be required to recall them under the November 2015 Consent Order.

In 2015, the NHTSA imposed the largest civil penalty in its history for Takata's violations of the Motor Vehicle Safety Act, and for the first time used its authority to accelerate recall repairs to millions of affected vehicles. The NHTSA also appointed an independent monitor to assess, track, and report the company's compliance with the Consent Order and to oversee the Coordinated Remedy Program.

Town of Veazie

To: Cemetery Committee Members
From: Mark Leonard; Town Manager
Date: 05-11-2016
Re: Meeting

I'm writing this to notify you I have scheduled a cemetery committee meeting for **May 20, 2016 at 1030AM** here at the Veazie Council Chambers. We will be discussing finalizing the plan for installing flags and flowers prior to Memorial Day. We hopefully will also have a chance to look at the progress of moving the veteran's monument to the Town Office location. Work on this project is supposed to start on May 16th.

I look forward to seeing you on May 20th. If you need me to have anything prepared for the meeting, please contact me in advance. I can be reached via email at mleonard@veazie.net or you can call me at 207-947-2781.

Ballot set for Veazie elections

(<https://bangordailynews.com/2016/05/16/news/bangor/ballot-set-for-veazie-elections-2/>)

By Dawn Gagnon (<https://bangordailynews.com/author/dawn-gagnon/>), BDN Staff
Posted May 16, 2016, at 6:13 p.m.

VEAZIE, Maine — Residents will fill Town Council, school committee and sewer district board posts during local elections on Tuesday, June 14.

Up for grabs are the expiring council posts now held by Robert Rice and Karen Walker. Walker is seeking another three-year term but Rice has opted not to seek re-election. Seeking Rice's post are residents Paul Messer and Michael Reid, according to Deputy Town Clerk Julie Strout.

On the school committee side of the ballot, three residents are seeking two seats. One of those is held by Julia Hathaway, who is seeking another three-year term.

The other expiring seat was held by Gavin Batchelder, who moved out to another community, rendering him ineligible for the Veazie post. Residents Paul Dupuis and Kristen Sheranian have signed on as candidates.

Also on Election Day, Norman "Buddy" Webb is seeking another three years on the Veazie Sewer District board of trustees.

The polls will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the town office. The annual town meeting will begin at 8 p.m., as soon as the polls close, at Veazie Community School.

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Veazie taxpayers likely to see lighter load in 2016-17 (<http://bangordailynews.com/2016/05/15/news/bangor/veazie-taxpayers-likely-to-see-lighter-load-in-2016-17/>)

By Dawn Gagnon (<http://bangordailynews.com/author/dawn-gagnon/>), BDN Staff
Posted May 15, 2016, at 5:23 p.m.

VEAZIE, Maine — Most, if not all, local property owners should see a slight decrease in their property taxes if the proposed municipal and school budgets are adopted as they stand.

Town Manager Mark Leonard and the town's Budget Committee have developed a \$5,751,855 budget for municipal operations in the year ahead. The total reflects an increase of about \$9,304, according to a May 11 budget summary Leonard prepared for town councilors.

Meanwhile, the proposed \$4,157,181 school budget is down \$61,569 from this year. Leonard said the \$2,828,754 local share for education will stay nearly the same as this year's \$2,828,823.

Last year's local share total was the result of a compromise between town and school officials after voters rejected (https://www.google.com/url?q=http%3A%2F%2Fbangordailynews.com%2F2015%2F07%2F13%2Fnews%2Fbangor%2Fnew-veazie-school-budget-would-raise-taxes-40-cents%2F&sa=D&ust=1463429889630000&usg=AFQjCNHJMjG_i7nHMC2X17cuRWtugwON4nQ&ref=inline) an earlier version of the budget during last June's budget validation referendum. A slightly lower budget, however, was approved during a second referendum in August (https://www.google.com/url?q=http%3A%2F%2Fbangordailynews.com%2F2015%2F08%2F05%2Fnews%2Fpenobscot%2Fveazie-voters-ok-4-15-million-school-budget%2F&sa=D&ust=1463429889630000&usg=AFQjCNHTDbjPbdu2SZnl74UxdES7UC_n_A&ref=inline).

Both budgets have been reviewed and endorsed by the Veazie Budget Committee.

Leonard said that based on the municipal and school budget proposals and projected revenues, he and assessor Ben Birch are projecting that the town's property tax rate will decrease slightly from the current \$18.40 per \$1,000 in valuation to \$18.30 per thousand.

"With the decrease in mill rate and the new laws governing the the Homestead Exemptions (https://www.google.com/url?q=http://www.maine.gov/revenue/propertytax/lawchange_2015.html&sa=D&ust=1463429889632000&usg=AFQjCNGp1ucta-5VBNmOND8EMGHXjsvzGA) [which this year increase from \$10,000 to \$15,000 for eligible homeowners], it's projected that most, if not all property owners in Veazie will see a decrease in their taxes," Leonard said in his budget summary.

Budget Committee Chairman Judy Horten credited Leonard and Veazie Community School Principal Matthew Cyr for holding the line on property taxes, which was the mission given to them by town councilors.

"Both administrators worked diligently to make this complicated and often difficult process amicable, transparent and straightforward," she wrote earlier this month in a letter to councilors. "Both presented clear budget summaries and answered often difficult questions with great patience," she said, adding that the proposed budgets would maintain the current level of services.

This year's annual town meeting and school budget meeting will begin at 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 14, at Veazie Community School immediately after the polls close at the town office.

CORRECTION:

An earlier version of this story incorrectly identified the amount for the local share for education.

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To access a full directory of farmers' markets, please click [here](#).
Other farmers' market related details can be found [here](#).

Maine SILC Announces Community Forums 2016

Maine Statewide Independent Living Council (Maine SILC) is preparing to draft the State Plan for Independent Living (Maine SPIL) for 2017 – 2019, and feedback is needed, i.e. what is working for you as far as living, working, going to school, recreating?; are you living as independently as you want?; are you able to participate in your community?; do you have the supports and services you need?; and what could be better?.

If you are a person with a disability living in Maine, please plan to participate. Forum input will help form the Maine SPIL. Each forum will last about two hours.



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If you require accommodations, contact Mike McClellan, Maine SILC Executive Director. He can be reached by phone at (207) 329-6148 or by e-mail at mmcclell@maine.rr.com. Please allow two weeks before the date of the event if you require interpreting services

Forum Dates and Locations

May 19 -- Lewiston -- The Root Cellar -- 12.30 p.m. and 6 p.m.
89 Birch Street, Lewiston, Maine 04240

May 20 -- Saco -- Saco Town Council Chambers -- 3 p.m.
300 Main Street, Saco, Maine 04072

May 23 -- Portland -- AARP Building -- 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.
Baxter Boulevard - Suite 202, Portland, Maine 04101

May 24 -- Bangor -- Bangor Parks and Recreation -- 2 p.m.
647 Main Street, Bangor, Maine 04401

May 25 -- Farmington -- University of Maine at Farmington -- 2 p.m.
246 Main Street - Roberts 101 Building, Farmington, Maine 04938

May 26 -- Houlton -- U-Maine, UMPI Center -- 1 p.m.
18 Military Street, Houlton, Maine 04730

May 26 -- Presque Isle -- Presque Isle Career Center -- 3 p.m.
66 Spruce Street, Presque Isle, ME 04769

May 27 -- Rockland -- University College at Rockland -- 2 p.m.
91 Camden Street - Suite 402, Rockland, ME 04841

May 31 -- Augusta -- Augusta Elks Club -- 1 p.m.
397 Civic Center Drive, Augusta, Maine 04330

CONSUMER BULLETIN: Choosing Your Electricity Supplier

The Maine Public Utilities Commission (PUC) wishes to inform consumers about how to choose their electricity supplier. Prior to

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the year 2000, the local utility company supplied and delivered your electricity. The utility still delivers your electricity, but today, consumers can choose the company that provides their electricity supply (typically about half of a residential bill), and this decision can be challenging and confusing.

Consumers may choose from many competitive electricity suppliers (CEPs) that serve the Maine market. CEPs are licensed by the PUC and subject to certain PUC rules, but their prices are not regulated. Consumers that do not take service from a CEP will automatically receive Standard Offer Service. The prices for Standard Offer Service are determined by the PUC through periodic competitive bid processes. Current Standard Offer Service prices are available on the [PUC Web page](#).

CEPs market their electricity supply services to consumers in a variety of ways, including advertising on television, direct mailing, and door-to-door sales. Consumers should be careful when making their choice about their electricity supply. Based on calls to the PUC's Consumer Assistance Hotline, the PUC has developed some helpful points for choosing an electricity supplier.

- **Read the fine print:** Every CEP is required to provide you with terms of service, which specify all aspects of the transaction between you and the CEP, including information about rates, renewals, fees for early termination of service with the CEP, how communications may be handled (e.g., by e-mail), etc. The terms of service are crucial to your understanding of what you will pay, as well as other important aspects of the CEPs service.
- **Do your homework:** Carefully read the terms of service and compare prices with other CEPs and with the Standard Offer Service. Compare other features that may be important to you, such as early termination fees, how communications will be sent to you, and the number of months or years in which you are enrolling.
- **Beware of feeling pressured:** Remember that you are in control of your choice! Particularly, if you have someone at the door, you may feel you need to make a decision right then, but you do not. You also do not have to let a salesperson into your home. If you do sign up, and later do not feel good about it, you have the right to rescind your

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decision within five days. Making a record of when you called to rescind your choice may be useful if questions arise later.

If you need additional help with a CEP or Standard Offer Service question, please visit the [PUC Web site](#) or call the PUC's Consumer Assistance Hotline at 800-452-4699. Consumers can also find useful pricing information on the [Office of the Public Advocate's Web site](#).

Fish Stocking Information Now Available

The fish stocking report now features daily updates from hatchery staff. Instead of hearing when and where the hatcheries have stocked well after the season has ended, anglers are now able to easily locate waters freshly stocked with catchable trout.

Waters are grouped by county, listed by town, and include the date of stocking, as well as the species, quantity, and size of fish released.

You can access up-to-date and historical stocking information by clicking [here](#).

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Mark Leonard, Town Manager
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Dear Mark:

I am pleased to announce that Kate Grossman recently joined our firm and will be working with me representing our municipal clients.

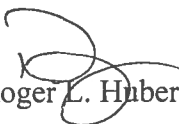
Kate is a Waldo County native with nine years of legal experience, including seven years of practice as a government attorney, most recently as a Judge Advocate in the U.S. Coast Guard. She has considerable experience advising governmental clients, particularly in the areas of administrative boards, personnel issues, ethics and fiscal matters, and regulation and policy drafting. Since joining us in April, Kate has already handled a wide variety of legal issues presented by our municipal practice, and has quickly gotten up to speed. We knew that Kate would be a great fit for our clients, and this has already been borne out.

Our goal in bringing Kate on board is to be able to respond to our clients even more promptly. Our longstanding philosophy of providing high quality legal services as efficiently as possible remains unchanged. As has always been our practice, when two attorneys consult on a matter, the client will only be billed for the time of one attorney. The only change you will notice is even better service.

I am sure you will have the occasion to meet or speak with Kate soon. We both look forward to continuing to work with you and we appreciate the opportunity to do so.

Very truly yours,

FARRELL, ROSENBLATT & RUSSELL


Roger L. Huber

May 17,2016

As the Veazie Economic Development Committee members visited businesses for today's event, we were met with interest and enthusiasm. We thank you for coming today and we hope that all of us can learn from one another. Our hope is that by networking and learning from one another, we can make Veazie not only a great place to live, but also a great place to do business.

This year the Town of Veazie is committed to updating the Town's Comprehensive Plan. This only happens about every ten years, so your suggestions on how the Town can assist you in your business endeavors would be greatly appreciated.

Feel free to contact any of the following members of the Veazie Economic Development Committee if you have a suggestion or an idea that may help your business:

- Erik Espling 941-8564
- Judy Horten 990-3090
- Pat Rice 942-3064
- Sarah Zmistowski 922-2092

You may also contact Mark Leonard, the Town Manager of Veazie, at 207-947-2781 or mleonard@veazie.net. A good source of information about Veazie history, departments, committees, documents and business directory is our Town website: http://www.veazie.net/Public_Documents/index. Please be sure your business is listed on the site, so that your customers can find you.

We hope that today's networking event will contribute to a closer relationship with other Veazie businesses and to a healthy business friendly climate.

Best wishes for your continued success,



Patricia Rice

Chair, Veazie Economic Development Committee



Message

Tue, May 17, 2016 2:47 PM

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Subject: New publication: Senior Yellow Pages

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In collaboration with Eastern agency on Aging, staff from the Orono, Old Town, Veazie and Milford communities will get a first look at a new publication: Senior Yellow Pages on **Wednesday, May 25 at 1pm at the Orono Public Library**. This is a free 200 page booklet (it will also be available online) on services for the elderly - local and state – in the Greater Bangor Area. Service agencies in our communities will find the comprehensive listings invaluable.

Please consider sending key municipal staff to this meeting when a working draft will be revealed and feedback will be gathered in anticipation of the Fall, 2016 release.

Laurie A. Carpenter, Director
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For achieving Tree City USA status for the 3rd year
Thank you for your commitment to community forestry in Maine!

CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT

Given this 17th day of May, 2016

Doug Denico

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MAINE FOREST SERVICE, DIRECTOR



