



**Veazie Town Council**

**Regular Meeting**

**June 14th, 2016  
7:00pm**

**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 23rd Regular Council Meeting Minutes
- ITEM 6:** Comments from the Public

**New Business:**

- ITEM 7:** Transfers
- ITEM 8:** Induction of Council meeting date discussion
- ITEM 9:** Discussion of office closure for yearend duties
- ITEM 10:** Executive Session 1M.R.S.A. 405(6)(E) – Consultations with legal counsel

**Old Business:**

- ITEM 11:** Penobscot River Restoration Trust land transfer update
- ITEM 12:** Manager's Report
- ITEM 13:** Comments from the Public
- ITEM 14:** Requests for information and Town Council Comments
- ITEM 15:** Review & Sign of AP Town Warrant #23 and Town Payroll #24 & #25, School Payroll Warrant #25 and AP School Warrant #25.
- ITEM 16:** Adjournment

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# **Agenda Items For June 14, 2016 Council Meeting**

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

ITEM 7: As we near the end of the Fiscal Year, Manager Leonard is requesting several transfers. The suggested motions are as follows:

- A. Motion to transfer \$10,000.00 from General Government account (100-50-060) Consultant, to a reserve account named General Government Consultant to be created.
- B. Motion to transfer \$5,000.00 from Community Investment account (550-95-105) Economic Development, to Reserve Account (30-3070-00) economic development.
- C. Motion to transfer \$1,000.00 from Fire Department Miscellaneous Revenue Account (300-1000) to Fire Department Account (300-60-073) EMS Equipment.
- D. Motion to transfer \$6,400.00 from Recreation account (500-40-093) community programs, to a reserve account to be created and named Tennis Court Maintenance.

ITEM 8: Per the Town Charter, a meeting needs to occur within 5 days following the regular Town Election and at said meeting, Council members-elect shall be sworn to the faithful discharge of their duties by the Town Clerk or an official authorized to administer oaths of office. Staff recommends this occur prior to June 17<sup>th</sup> as the Charter does not specify if it's 5 business days or not. If we were to have it on the 20<sup>th</sup> we would be outside the 5 days as described.

ITEM 9: Staff requests again this year, the ability to close at noon time on June 30, 2016 so we are able to conduct end of year business.

ITEM 10: Members of the Council, Legal Counsel and Manager Leonard will go into executive session per 1 MRSA 405 6 E, discussion with Legal Counsel.

ITEM 11: Council will continue the discussion regarding the possibility of taking action concerning the proposed land transfer with the Penobscot River Restoration Trust.



Veazie Town Council Meeting  
May 23rd, 2016

**Members Present:** Chairman Tammy Perry, Councilor Robert Rice, Councilor Chris Bagley, Councilor Karen Walker, Councilor David King, Manager Mark Leonard, Secretary Julie Strout, Water District Trustee Joan Perkins, Community Center Redevelopment Committee Chair Don MacKay and various members of the public.

**Members Absent:**  
All present

**ITEM 1: Call to order**  
Chairman Tammy Perry called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm.

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

**ITEM 3: Pledge of Allegiance**

**ITEM 4: Consideration of the Agenda**  
Item #13 will be tabled until a future meeting due to documents not ready to review.

**ITEM 5: Approval of the May 9th, 2016 Regular Council Meeting Minutes**  
Councilor David King made a motion, seconded by Councilor Karen Walker to approve the May 9th, 2016 Regular Council Meeting Minutes as written. Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried.

**ITEM 6: Comments from the public**  
State Legislature Rep. Teresa Montague spoke about stream smart programs and presented the Council with some literature.

**New Business:**

**ITEM 7: Signing of Warrant for School Budget Validation**  
Council signed the School Budget Validation for the June 21<sup>st</sup> Validation

**ITEM 8: June 14<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting Discussion**  
Councilor Chris Bagley made a motion, seconded by Councilor Karen Walker to have the June 14<sup>th</sup> Council meeting start at 7:00pm. Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried.

**ITEM 9: Capital Highway Maintenance Discussion**  
Councilor David King made a motion, seconded by Councilor Robert Rice to appropriate \$252,649.00 for road repair this year. Councilor King amended his motion to transfer \$100,000.00 from the undesignated account to the Capital Highway Maintenance Account. Councilor Rice seconded the amended motion. Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried.



**Old Business:**

**ITEM 10: Water District Trustees Update**

Joan Perkins updated the Council on the Water District activities.

**ITEM 11: Community Center Redevelopment Committee Update**

Don MacKay presented his proposal to the Council.

Councilor Robert Rice made a motion, seconded by Councilor David King to approve the Subtotal Section A along with the addition of the necessary piping and take the money from our TIF fund.

Councilor Rice called the question. Councilor Walker wanted to amend the motion to add \$25,000. Amended motion denied.

There was a vote to call the question and end the debate. Voted 2-3-0. Motion failed. Councilor Bagley, Councilor King and Councilor Walker opposed. Councilor Rice and Chairman Perry accepted.

Discussion continued.

The roll was called on the original motion by Councilor Rice. Voted 3-2-0. Councilor Bagley and Councilor Walker opposed. Motion carried.

**ITEM 12: FY 15/16 Council Goals and Objectives**

The Council reviewed the goals and objectives, overall happy with their progress this year.

**ITEM 13: Executive Session 1 MRSA 405 (6)(F) - Discussion of confidential records**

Tabled to a future meeting.

**ITEM 14: Manager's Report**

Manager Leonard reviewed his report with the Councilor's.

**ITEM 15: Comments from the Public**

Citizen Linda Swackhamer asked about the progress of the Riverside Park. The Council stated that it was still in discussion between the two attorneys and as soon as they hear anything, everyone will be notified.

**ITEM 16: Requests for information and Town Council Comments**

The Veteran's Monument should be displayed by Wednesday or Thursday this week, before Memorial Day.

Councilor Walker reminded everyone of the Culture Fest at the School on May 24th

**ITEM 17: Review & sign of AP Town Warrant #22 and Town Payroll #23 School Payroll Warrant #24 and AP School Warrant #24.**

The warrants were circulated and signed.

**ITEM 18: Adjournment**

Councilor David King motioned to adjourn

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

Adjourned at 7:47pm

A True Copy Attest

Julie Strout, Deputy Clerk





To: Members of the Council  
From: Mark Leonard; Town Manager  
Date: 06/09/2016  
Re: PRRT Proposed land transfer

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This memo serves as an update on my progress with the PRRT proposed land transfer. On 04/26/2016, I received an email from Council Robert Rice with the name of four different individuals from throughout the State of Maine that he thought may be able to assist with determining future costs for the park.

04/28/16: I sent a group email to these individuals requesting they contact me. A copy of the email is enclosed. One individual didn't feel they were able to assist. I was able to speak with Matt Foster, Director of Parks and Recreation for the Town of Farmington. He believes taking ownership of the land would be a great opportunity for the Town of Veazie. Director Foster manages several parks for the Town of Farmington to include one next to a River. Those parks are much different then what we are looking for. The park next to the river has numerous different sports fields and surfaces. He does have a maintenance fund set up for park maintenance in excess of \$100,000.00 because of the large cost of upkeep and maintenance of the sport surfaces. In his opinion, the Town will not need anywhere near that amount of funding in reserve because the exposure are much different.

05/03/2016: I received an email from Bangor Parks and Recreation Director, Tracy Willette, who offered to meet with me at the proposed park location and provide me with his insight.

05/05/2016: I submitted answers to a short questionnaire from the State of Maine in reference to a potential new competitive small grant program which funds projects that are not funded by other State agencies concerning the submerged lands program. This program will provide up to \$15,000.00 per municipality and will require a 25% local match. As of the date of this memo, I have not received any additional information referencing this program.

05/17/2016: I sent an email to the Executive Director of Maine Recreation and Park Association. She responded that my request was forwarded to Tracy Willette, Director of Bangor Parks and Recreation Department, in hopes that he would be able to provide me with assistance.

05/24/2016: Tracy Willette and I went to the proposed park location to view what improvements have been done, so he could provide his thoughts on what he thought the future cost may be. In viewing the property he thought it would be a great opportunity for the Town to have this property and said he would provide some points for the Town to consider. As of the date of this memo, I have not received any additional information from Director Willette.

05/27/2016: Councilor Walker has taken several pictures while walking the length of the property. The pictures consist of what appears to be an outfall and some sort of steel cover that is covering a piece of piping. It is unknown who these belong to and/or if they would be the responsibility of the Town following the proposed transfer. After reviewing a map of the proposed land, I believe these structures are outside the proposed land and will not be the Town's responsibility. I will confirm the location with Councilor Walker.

06/03/2016: I spoke to Maine Municipal Association regarding what the additional costs will be for the Town to insure the proposed property. We will immediately have general liability added with little to no cost. Any additional cost will be if we choose to insure the items that have been added to the area, i.e. benches, kiosk, signs, etc. The cost if we choose to insure those items will be based on what we valued them at. They mentioned some Towns choose not to insure them because in most cases the items can be repaired and or replaced prior to reaching the amount of the deduction. If we choose to insure the items the cost will be minimal. In looking at items we currently have insured, we have one item valued at \$25,000.00 that cost the Town \$48.00, one item valued at \$2,000.00 that cost the Town \$3.00 and one item valued at \$500,000.00 which cost the Town \$761.00. All of these cost are annual and are used for examples only. The actual cost would be based on what we value the actual items that have been added to the property and what we choose to set for a deductible.

During the above mentioned dates up to and including today, I have had several conversations with Town legal staff pertaining to this. I previously provided you with written correspondence I have received from legal staff.

I have received a cost of \$1,900.00 from the Town's ground maintenance contractor to provide services to the proposed park.

06/10/2016: I requested the color photo of the images that Andrew Brown presented at a previous meeting. The photo contains the numerous parcels highlighted as they pertain to this proposed land transfer. Two separate images are enclosed. The image marked # 1 is an aerial view of the proposed land. The image marked number 2 is the developed area "park" on the proposed land.

06/10/2016, I contacted Allen Farm Fence and requested an estimate on what it will cost to service the entrance gate to the park. I have a meeting scheduled for 1:30 PM on Monday June 13<sup>th</sup>.

06/10/2016: I viewed that 33 fence posts and 96 rails have been installed to make up the fence that outlines some of the upper property. For price comparison I searched Lowes.com and found a low price and a high price. For a low price for the rails I found \$9.97 for a total of \$957.12 or a high price of \$16.26 for a total of \$1,560.96. For the post I found a low price of \$15.84 or \$522.72 and a high price of \$18.68 or \$616.44. I will also request a price if we needed to replace the fence from Allen Farm Fence when I meet with them on Monday.

06-10-2016: I contacted Laura Rose Day and requested she provide me with an estimate to install the hand carry ramp for the park. At the time of this writing I have not received that estimate.



Message

Thu, Apr 28, 2016 10:44 AM

From: Mark Leonard

To: rex.turner@maine.gov executivedirector@merpa.org  
 farmingtonrec@farmington-maine.org jake@fsmaine.org

Cc: Mark Leonard

Subject: Re: Possible help with park costs

Good Morning! My name is Mark Leonard and I am the Town Manager for the Town of Veazie. If you are receiving this email it's because I was provided your contact information from Dr. Robert Rice whom is a Councilor for the Town of Veazie. Dr. Rice thought that each of you may be able to provide valuable insight on a proposal that has been made to the Town of Veazie.

For some history.....the proposal is for the Penobscot River Restoration Trust to turn the land over to the Town which they had purchased to remove the dam and associated buildings. The overall area is approximately 26 acres or nearly all of the Town of Veazie's water frontage to the Penobscot River. Of the approximate 26 acres a small portion of it, the area where the former dam buildings were located, has been turned into a "park area." The improvements in part and substance to this "park area" consist of a dirt entry way, benches, a kiosk, a turbine from the former power house, a hand carry entry area to the river, informational sign boards, a small section of cedar fencing, grass and numerous trees. Additionally, the area is enclosed in chain link fence that has existed for many years but was not improved.

As our Town's legal staff goes over the legal paper work I'm trying to get a sense of a cost for on going maintenance/ upkeep of this property and other financial needs that would need to be budgeted for. To date I have only received pricing for mowing the area. Overall the entire proposed area would be the town's responsibility, but at the current time we have no plans for up keep or improvements other than to the property ( "the park") that has already been improved. In listening to Dr. Rice I'm in hopes this is where you folks may be able to help me.

I have included Dr. Rice's email below for reference. If you feel you could help in any way on how to determine future cost that may be associated with upkeep and needs or, possibly other areas that I may not be thinking about, I would be greatly appreciative to hear from you. I can be reached at this email address or my direct number at the Town Office is 922-5970. I look forward to hearing from you. If you can think of someone that may also be able to provide insight to this request please feel free to share this email with them or they can contact me as well.

Thank you for your time and again, I look forward to hearing from you.

















# Manager's Report

## For June 14, 2016

### Council Meeting

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

Staff and I have met with representatives from Machias Savings Bank to review our accounts. I will continue discussions with them regarding other possible adjustments that will benefit the Town.

I assisted Greg Ondo with the planning for the Art in the Park event that was held on June 1<sup>st</sup>.

I had a conference call with TASER regarding their body cameras. I have requested more information and will continue to research this technology in hopes of getting some body cameras to use on a trial basis.

Staff and I met with representatives from Kathadin Bank regarding the Town's banking needs and what they would offer us for services. After I review their proposal, discussions will continue.

City of Bangor Parks and Recreation Director, Tracey Willette and I met regarding the proposal of acquiring the land from the Penobscot River Restoration. After viewing the park he has offered to share his ideas and thoughts as they relate to the park with us.

I would like to thank the Cemetery Committee for placing the flags and flowers at the Cemetery prior to Memorial Day. I would also like to thank the garden club for filling the roadside flower boxes so everything was complete prior to Memorial Day.

The concrete work at the front of the municipal entrance has been completed and the Veteran's monument has been placed. This also was completed prior to Memorial Day.

The contract for paving is complete and has been sent to Hopkins for signature. Additionally, I have sent the paving list to the Water District and Sewer District so they can begin planning the work they need to have completed prior to paving.

Matt Polo has agreed to provide a couple of estimates to the Town regarding the recently approved ADA compliance project at the Community Center. Once the estimates are received, they will be submitted to the Council as well as the Re-Development Committee for review.

I completed and submitted a grant for a new/updated video recording system for the School. The grant request was made to the Penobscot Emergency Management Agency. A/C Metcalf has also submitted a grant request for equipment that will be used in the emergency operations center.

I attended the Region 5 Chiefs of Police meeting which was held in Newport. Several topics were discussed with a majority of the area Police Chiefs in attendance.

I met with Attorney Huber and Tom Davis to complete the deed in which finalized the land swap previously approved by the Town Council.

# **Manager's Report For June 14, 2016 Council Meeting**

As we near the end of the fiscal year, I met with several homeowners that have outstanding taxes due. After meeting with them, a majority of them have come to the Town office and at least paid a large portion of the monies they owe.

I served a notice of violation for Code Enforcement Officer Larson. The homeowner was very receptive and will meet with CEO Larson to make sure he's in compliance.

A/C Metcalf and I have met to go over end of year budgets. The review was very productive and we will meet again prior to June 30<sup>th</sup>.

I have reviewed all of the Fire Department Employees' evaluations. This is the first time in several years that all employees have been evaluated. Employee evaluations will occur every year from now on. I want to thank the command staff for assisting.

For several years, Officer Bryant has assisted me with the installation of pole flags on State and Main Streets. We were able to get all the flags up prior to Memorial Day.

Attorney Jon Pottle has agreed to be the Moderator for Town Meeting. Attorney Pottle is very familiar with the process and I'm certain he will be a great addition to the Town meeting process.

A Meet and Greet Candidate night was held at the Veazie Community School. The event went very well and we had great attendance. A few questions were posed by citizens in which each candidate was able to respond to.

I met with the Town's ground maintenance contractor to discuss road work that was not completed last year. This work shall be completed within the next few weeks.

A complaint regarding the possible incorrect placement of a gravestone at the Cemetery. After some research, I was able to determine the stone is in the correct place.

I attended the School Visioning Committee's first meeting. It was lightly attended but numerous topics were discussed and the next meeting was scheduled. The Committee will be trying to recruit more members.

I attended the School committee meeting in which they accepted the resignations of three teachers and approved another one year contract with Superintendent Lyons to continue to provide services. Principal Cyr will be participating in a yearlong Superintendent internship with Superintendent Lyons. A suggestion was made that the School Committee should look to a Superintendent/Principal position for Principal Cyr in the future. The next meeting is scheduled for July 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

# Manager's Report

## For June 14, 2016

### Council Meeting

I attended the Bangor Area Stormwater Group meeting that was held in Hampden. The meeting was well attended and several topics were discussed reference preparing for our next permit.

I have reviewed and commented on the Penobscot County Fire Chiefs interoperability communications plan. This will be a great addition and something that has been needed for a long period of time.

I have updated two policies for the Police Department with recommendations that were approved at the last board of directors meeting. I sit on the policy board for the Maine Chiefs of Police and we have recently elected a new chair and his goal is to review all policies and update them as needed. So I anticipate this will be a common occurrence over the next several months.

The closing date for the RFP concerning the hiring of a consultant for updating the Town's comprehensive plan was June 9<sup>th</sup> at 2:00PM. We received no responses for this RFP. I will meet with the planning board to discuss our next course of action.

I have prepared a memo to the council outlining my actions as it relates to the proposed land transfer with the PRRT.

I have completed and returned the MDOT's Local Road Assistance Program form so that we will receive LRAP monies from the State. This year we are set to receive \$11,964.00

#### Attachments:

Letter from Susan Collins Office on Tree City Recognition  
Thank you card from Spruce Run for donation  
Notification letter from MMA on Safety Enhancement Grant Award  
Email to Municipal Candidates ref Meet the Candidates night  
Notice of Public Hearing from DOT  
Pictures from Town Forester  
Handouts for Meet the Candidates night  
Copy of Advertisement for Senior Yellow Pages  
BASWG Agenda for June 9<sup>th</sup> meeting  
VCS Agenda for June 6<sup>th</sup> School Committee meeting  
Thank you letter from CHCS  
Orono-Veazie Water District 2015 Water Quality Report  
Thank you letter from Gateway Seniors without walls





May 24, 2016

Town Council  
Town of Veazie  
1084 Main Street  
Veazie, ME 04401-7091

**Information for Departing Members Signing-up with PERC**

Dear Council:

As the organization that has faithfully served your municipal solid waste (MSW) interests for 25 years, we respect your decision to become a departing member of the Municipal Review Committee (MRC) in 2018.

Solid waste management is a complicated business. Before entering into any alternative MSW disposal agreement with PERC, L.P., or another entity, we strongly recommend that you retain and obtain advice from technical and legal advisors with specialized expertise in solid waste facilities operations and contracting. Given that we still represent you and that you have voted to sign up with PERC, MRC thought it appropriate to provide you an outline of our key concerns and issues with proposed contracts circulated by PERC's private partners. We recommend that you work with PERC or its successor entity on changes to the contracts before signing them in order to protect the interests of your municipality and taxpayers.

**PERC's Post 2018 MSW Disposal Contract Offer is not Viable after December 31, 2018**

MRC questions whether PERC will actually be able to honor the contract they have made available for consideration by municipalities. We question this because the contract offer was made in the name of PERC, LP, which is the existing Partnership. This Partnership has a firm termination date of December 31, 2018. The only purpose under applicable law for which the PERC Partnership can continue its business after December 31, 2018 is for the winding up of its business.

Therefore, any contract between your entity and PERC would need to be with a new entity that would replace PERC, LP after the Partnership's assets have been liquidated and distributed to the existing owners. The MRC has requested that PERC address how it will manage the termination of PERC LP and the transfer of assets to a new entity, but has not received a response. The fact that this issue has not been addressed casts doubt on the reliability of any PERC obligation after the end of 2018 other than those related to dissolution of the partnership.

**Proposed 6th Amendment of Partnership Agreement is not Valid after December 31, 2018**

The current General Partner of the PERC Partnership, USA Energy (USAE), distributed to the MRC membership a proposed "Sixth Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of Penobscot

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Energy Recovery Company, Limited Partnership” with the implicit suggestion that the current PERC Partnership Agreement, as amended and restated, will continue on after 2018 with those current MRC members who wish to sign on remaining as limited partners.

This proposal is not valid because USAE does not have the power under the current agreement to either amend its provisions or extend its term without the prior written consent of the MRC on behalf of all Equity Charter Municipalities. At the time of this writing, given that more than 80 communities have signed up with the MRC to send their MSW to Fiberight and a majority of those are Equity Charter Members, it is evident that MRC consent will not be forthcoming, and therefore the Limited Partnership will be not be continued.

Furthermore, even if its proposal could be implemented, there are inherent differences between USAE’s proposed partnership agreement and the previous versions that have served the MRC membership well for more than two decades. These changes will dramatically alter the partner relationship post 2018, generally skewing powers in favor of the General Partner and limiting the checks, balances and oversight afforded currently to municipal entities. The key changes include:

- Oversight Committee Eliminated
- MRC Role as Umbrella Organization Eliminated
- Checks on General Partner Powers Removed
- Ground Rules for Partnership Distributions Eliminated
- No Limits on Admission of New Partners or Dilution of Existing Partners
- No Limits on Fees Billed by USAE or Affiliates
- No Limits on Conflict of Interest Transactions
- No Power to Remove General Partner
- Unilateral Right to Dissolve

A memo detailing the implications of these changes is enclosed for your review.

#### **PERC Waste Disposal Agreement: Delivery Obligation, Escalation and Deemed Termination**

As stated above, it is our view that the Waste Disposal Agreement offered in the name of PERC, LP cannot be implemented as proposed because the existing Partnership will terminate on December 31, 2018 following which the PERC Partnership can legally operate only for the purpose of winding up its business and liquidating its assets. In addition, we want to share a few of our concerns with the substantive contract terms offered in the proposed PERC Waste Disposal Agreement. In particular:

- Delivery obligation. Section 3(a) of the draft PERC agreements requires the Municipality to “...deliver all Acceptable Waste that is generated within the Municipality to the PERC Facility.” You should be concerned with this contract language if there are commercial haulers active in your municipality that collect waste from private generators and can make independent decisions about where to take that waste for disposal. The contract does not say what happens if commercial haulers active in your municipality deliver such waste to a disposal facility other than PERC – but if they do, it would appear to violate the plain language of the contract, at which point PERC could put the Municipality in default and terminate the contract. Delivery of the estimated tonnage. Section 3(c)(1) of the draft PERC Agreements states that Municipality shall “deliver to the PERC facility the estimated tonnage of Solid Waste.” Can PERC put the Municipality in default for failure to deliver the estimated tonnage? The answer to this question is unclear because the language of Section 3(c)(1) conflicts with the language in Section 3(a) of Schedule A.

- Escalation. Some versions of the PERC contracts would escalate the Tipping Fee four times per year rather than once – for example, Section 4 of Schedule A of one version of the contract says that the Tipping Fee “shall be increased on a quarterly basis by a percentage equal to the percentage change in “CPI” for the most recently released 12-month period ...” That is, if annual CPI increases by 2%, the tip fee would increase by 2% each quarter, or more than 8% for the year. After the MRC raised this point, PERC began sending out contracts that corrected this clause to account for annual increases instead of quarterly increases at the annual rate – but you are advised to check your contract closely to ensure that the change has been made in the version of the contract sent to you.
- Deemed termination. Section 3(c) of Schedule A to the PERC contract allows PERC to give notice to Municipality if PERC believes that the Municipality is not delivering all of its Solid Waste to the PERC facility, and, if the dispute is not resolved, PERC has the right to declare that the contract has been deemed terminated and to collect damages under Section (b) of the contract. Those damages are based on six years of tip fees –so, if the tip fee is \$85 per ton, and the estimated delivery amount is 1,000 tons per year, the penalty would be \$510,000 --- plus PERC’s legal fees. You are advised not to accept language that would allow PERC to have the discretion to assess Municipality that level of penalty.

If the nature of these concerns causes your community to re-evaluate its decision to leave the MRC as a departing municipality, there is still time to reconsider your decision before June 30 in order to capture the full value of the MRC/Fiberight Post 2018 solution.

Whatever you decide, over the next year and a half, we will continue to work with you in an effort to make the most of our existing relationship until the existing Partnership concludes in 2018. Until that time, the MRC will continue to provide oversight of PERC operations to the best of our ability and share that information with you and all MRC charter members.

In addition, the MRC, as always, is available to work with you on any questions you may have regarding your waste disposal needs. On a personal level, I would like to say it has been an honor to represent your MSW interests for the past 22 years. Please do not hesitate to contact the MRC by phone at 664-1700 or by e-mail at [glounder@mrcmaine.org](mailto:glounder@mrcmaine.org) if you would like to discuss this letter or any questions related to this transition time.

Sincerely,



Greg Louder  
MRC Executive Director

Enclosure

# ***ALERT***

**To:** MRC Membership  
**From:** MRC Board of Directors  
**Date:** April 19, 2016  
**Re:** Sixth Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of Penobscot Energy Recovery Company, Limited Partnership

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The current General Partner of the PERC Partnership, USA Energy (USAE), has distributed to the MRC membership a proposed “Sixth Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of Penobscot Energy Recovery Company, Limited Partnership” with the implicit suggestion that the current PERC Partnership Agreement, as amended and restated, will continue on after 2018 with those current MRC members who wish to sign on remaining as limited partners.

We have reviewed the draft document as prepared by USAE believe it is important to inform you immediately of our concerns.

First, as a matter of process, under the terms of the currently effective Fifth Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership, the PERC Partnership expires at the conclusion of its stated term which is December 31, 2018. USAE does not have the power under that agreement to either amend its provisions or extend its term without the prior written consent of the MRC. Therefore, even if MRC member communities were to sign and return the purported Sixth Amendment, it would not have the legal effect of extending the term of the current PERC Partnership beyond December 31, 2018 absent the express written consent of the MRC on behalf of all Equity Charter Municipalities. Without that consent, the current PERC Partnership will dissolve under its own terms at the end of 2018 and the purported amendment would be of no effect.

Secondly, putting aside the procedural irregularities inherent in the manner in which USAE has postured this purported restatement, while at first glance this document may appear similar to the Fifth Amended and Restated Agreement under which the PERC Partnership currently operates, **it is not**. In fact, it is radically different in key respects from the agreement under which the PERC Partnership now operates, and it would have the effect of totally changing the historical relationship between the PERC Partnership and the MRC membership. Among the key changes proposed by USAE are the following:

- **Oversight Committee Eliminated.** The three member Oversight Committee which, as you know, currently oversees Partnership operations and which includes a representative from the MRC, would be eliminated entirely. All Partnership operations and decision making would be left solely in the hands of USAE as general partner with no opportunity



for input from, or even notice to, the MRC Communities or Board.

- **MRC Role as Umbrella Organization Eliminated.** There would be no role for the MRC in connection with management of the limited partnership interests held by the MRC communities after 2018. Each municipality remaining as a limited partner would be left on its own with sole responsibility to manage its own interest without any umbrella organization to offer guidance and support.
- **Checks on General Partner Powers Removed.** Under the current Limited Partnership Agreement, a number of fundamental Partnership decisions require the consent of the Oversight Committee or, in some cases, of the MRC specifically. For example, the MRC now must approve any change in the business of the Partnership, the admission of new limited partners, the removal or replacement of the General Partner, any transaction in which the General Partner has a conflict of interest, or any new operating and maintenance agreement. A vote of a majority of the Oversight Committee is required to approve major capital projects, sales of assets, major financings, or changes in partnership capital. The Oversight Committee currently must approve all capital and operating budgets. All of these checks and balances would be completely eliminated under the proposed new Partnership Agreement. USAE, and USAE alone, would have the unfettered power and discretion to impose its own unilateral decisions on the Partnership.
- **Ground Rules for Partnership Distributions Eliminated.** USAE would have total discretion over when, whether and in what amounts distributions to partners would be made.
- **No Limits on Admission of New Partners or Dilution of Existing Partners.** USAE would have the unilateral authority to issue new limited partnership interests to itself, its affiliates or to other third parties on terms it alone would determine. This could have the impact of significantly diluting the interests of the existing limited partners, including the current MRC communities, without their approval or input.
- **No Limits on Fees Billed By USAE or Affiliates.** USAE would have the unilateral power to determine the amount of its own compensation for services to the Partnership and to cause the PERC Partnership to pay other consulting fees to USAE, its affiliates or others without limit and without reference to the efficacy of the services rendered. These fees could be increased at any time in any amount in USAE's sole discretion without any consultation with or approval from the other partners. USAE could also approve other extraordinary expenses in its discretion without any input or approval from the MRC Communities. This would legitimize the very abuse which is the subject of the pending lawsuit against USAE.
- **No Limits on Conflict of Interest Transactions.** The current provisions giving the Oversight Committee the right to approve conflict of interest transactions would be eliminated.

- **No Power to Remove General Partner.** The other partners in the PERC Partnership, including the MRC communities, would lose the power they currently have to remove USAE as General Partner or to approve any successor general partner should USAE resign.
- **Unilateral Right to Dissolve.** USAE would have the unilateral right to dissolve the Partnership at any time without notice.

As can be seen from the above, USAE proposes to effectively eliminate the public/private partnership which has characterized the relationship between PERC and the MRC communities since the MRC's inception. That relationship would be replaced by a new regime in which USAE would have total and absolute control over all aspects of Partnership operations and finances without any check or balance and without any ability for the other partners to replace USAE as General Partner in the event of mismanagement. USAE would establish and approve its own compensation, could pay extraordinary consulting fees from Partnership funds to itself and its affiliates without any check or balance, and it would have the power to perpetuate itself as general partner indefinitely irrespective of its performance.

This proposal should be rejected both because it is not postured correctly from a procedural standpoint and because it is substantively a bad deal for the MRC communities.



**Community Health and Counseling Services**  
*Home Health, Hospice and Mental Health Services*

PO Box 425  
Bangor, Maine 04402-0425  
Tel. 207-947-0366  
TTY 207-990-4730  
[www.chcs-me.org](http://www.chcs-me.org)

June 1, 2016

Mark Leonard, Town Manager  
Town of Veazie  
1084 Main Street  
Veazie, ME 04401-7056

*Thank you for  
your support.*

Dear Mr. Leonard:

On behalf of Community Health and Counseling Services (CHCS) and its Board of Directors, I wish to thank you and the citizens of the Town of Veazie for your appropriation in support of our Home Health and Mental Health Services in the amount of \$250.

We deeply appreciate the faith you have in the work of CHCS. Your appropriation reflects the concern we all share for the quality of life in our communities.

Thank you again for your valuable financial support.

Sincerely,

Dale Hamilton  
Executive Director

DAH/smb



*Susan Collins*

May 25, 2016

Town Manager Mark Leonard  
1084 Main Street  
Veazie, ME 04401

Dear Mark,

Congratulations on your community receiving the Tree City  
USA recognition for 2015.

Mainers have always been faithful stewards of our environment because we understand its tremendous value to our way of life. Maine's unique forests, landscapes, waters, and wildlife are an important part of our heritage and have helped shape the economic, environmental, and recreational character of our entire state. I am delighted that Veazie has been recognized for protecting its natural resources and that it continues to be an environmental leader in our state.

Again, congratulations on this well-deserved accolade, and best wishes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susan Collins". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Susan M. Collins  
United States Senator

SMC: sp

*United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510-1904*

Dear Friends,

Thank you for choosing to make a contribution to Spruce Run-WomanCare Alliance. Your donation of \$100.00 Will enhance the Services We provide to Victims of domestic Abuse. We could not do this Work Without your help and Support.

Sincerely,

Spruce Run - WomanCare Staff



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Augusta, Maine 04332-9109

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May 23, 2016

Pete Metcalf  
Town of Veazie  
1084 Main St  
Veazie, ME 04401

RE: Safety Enhancement Grant Application for May 2016

Dear Assistant Chief Metcalf:

The selection committee has reviewed your application and is pleased to approve your request. This grant is to be used exclusively for purchasing a set of Turnout Gear, as stated in your application.

The grant is intended to cover two-thirds of your cost up to, but not exceeding \$1,127.22. When your project is complete, please send us proof of payment (cancelled check, treasurer's warrant, "paid" stamped invoice, etc.) so that reimbursement can be made. The grant must be used within one year from the date of this letter or it will be withdrawn.

We have enclosed a press release that may be used to announce your Safety Enhancement Grant to your community. If you have any questions, please call Jennette Holt at 624-0140 or contact me directly at 624-0165. Congratulations on your grant! We appreciate your interest in workplace safety.

Sincerely,

Donald Vickery  
Assistant Director  
Risk Management

Enclosed: Draft Press Release

cc: Mark Leonard

**Press Release**  
***For Immediate Release***  
**UPDATED**

Municipal Officials are pleased to announce that the **Town of Veazie** has received a Safety Enhancement Grant awarded by the Maine Municipal Association for **\$1,127.22**.

The Safety Enhancement Grant and Scholarship Grant programs offer financial incentives to members of the Maine Municipal Association Workers' Compensation Fund. These grants are used to purchase safety equipment or services that assist in reducing the frequency and severity of workplace injuries. Improving workplace safety for municipal employees saves taxpayers money by reducing lost hours at work, cost of insurance claims and overtime expenses for employees who might have to fill in for injured co-workers.

The Maine Municipal Association has been awarding safety grants to Members of their Workers' Compensation fund since 1999. The Grant program has assisted municipalities by bestowing more than ***\$3.8 million*** through funding of **3,070** Safety Enhancement Grants and **424** Scholarship Grants.

Loss Control Department for Maine Municipal Association, advises the program received **179** applications for this grant period and **\$153,019** was awarded. Grants are awarded in May and October each year.

For more information about any of the Maine Municipal Association Risk Management Service programs, including Safety Enhancement Grants eligibility and applications, please visit their website at [www.memun.org](http://www.memun.org) and click on the Risk Management Services link, or call at 1-800-590-5583.



Message

Fri, May 27, 2016 11:10 AM

From: **Mark Leonard**  
To: Karen Walker Paul Messer Michael Reid Michael Reid Julia Hathaway  
 Kristen Sheranian Paul Dupuis  
Cc: Tammy P. Perry **Mark Leonard**  
Subject: Candidate Night

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Good Morning All! As Tuesday is only a few short days away I wanted to send a quick email on the candidate night scheduled for May 31 at 6 PM at the Veazie Community School. First, thank you all for getting me your bio's for the event. Office staff has put together handouts that includes this information which we will pass out to those in attendance. This will also be what I read from when I introduce each of you. The plan for the night will be for me to read your bio and then give you a few minutes to speak and take questions and answers from the audience. I would like to limit this to no more than 10 minutes for each candidate. This will keep the speaking portion to approximately 60 minutes. Upon completion of the speaking portion we will provide light refreshments so you will be able to speak one on one with those that may not have wanted to speak in the open forum or expand upon questions that may have been posed to you during the time you were speaking. This will last for approximately 60 minutes as well.

Originally, I had the State Representatives on the schedule but have since choose to keep the speaking portion for municipal candidates only, although they will be invited to attend the social hour.

I hope you each have a great weekend and I am looking forward to this event. If you have any questions, concerns or comments please dont hesitate to contact me.

Mark

Mark Leonard Town Manager  
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Veazie, Maine 04401  
207-947-2781  
[mleonard@veazie.net](mailto:mleonard@veazie.net)

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**MaineDOT**

# ***Notice of Informational PUBLIC MEETING In Bangor***

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**To Discuss the Proposed Improvement to  
I-95 Exit 187 in Bangor  
(Hogan Road)**

**Thursday, June 9, 2016  
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.**

**At the Mathieu Auditorium of Schoodic Hall  
Eastern Maine Community College  
354 Hogan Road, Bangor**

The Maine Department of Transportation will present preliminary information on an upcoming project to improve safety, mobility, and multimodal accessibility at I-95 Exit 187, also known as the Hogan Road exit, in Bangor. The project will convert the existing interchange to a diverging diamond interchange (DDI).

Representatives of the Maine Department of Transportation will be present on Thursday, June 9, 2016 from 6:00 to 8 p.m. to explain the proposed improvements, receive comments, and answer questions regarding the project.

Accommodations will be made for persons with disabilities. Auxiliary aids will be provided upon advance request.

Any inquiries regarding this meeting may be directed to the attention of Edward W. Hanscom, Study Manager, Bureau of Planning, Maine Department of Transportation, 24 Child Street, 16 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333-0016. Telephone (207) 624-3300.  
Email: [ed.hanscom@maine.gov](mailto:ed.hanscom@maine.gov).

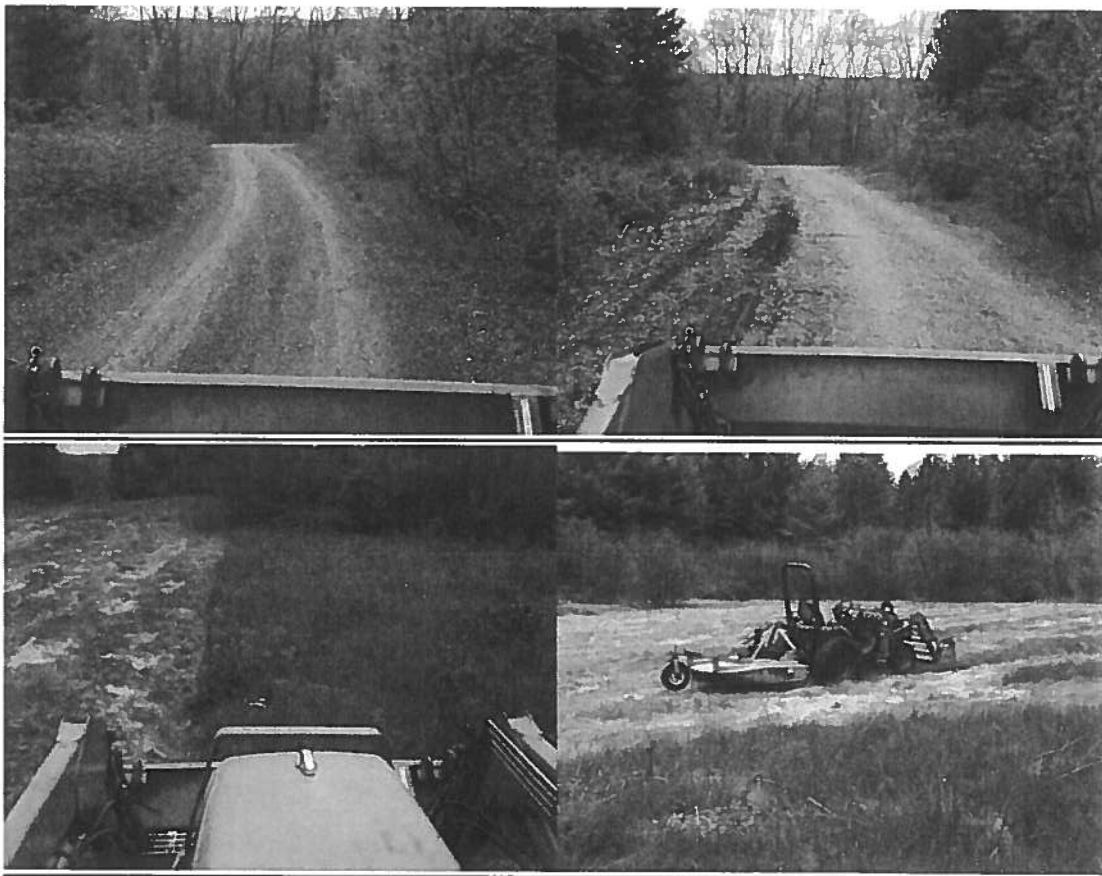
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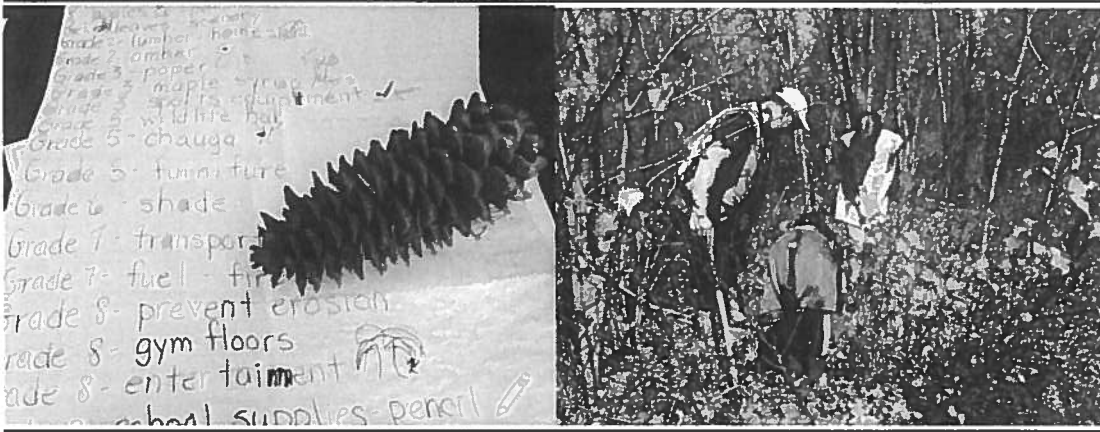
**05/17/16. Arbor Day/Tree City USA Award in Orono**



**05/19/16. Bush-hogging on BHCA (for Maine Audubon additional parking along Mutton Lane and invasives in field), note donation to VZ**



05/20/16. Arbor Day Celebration @ VCS



05/20/16 Mowing BHCA Walking Trails with 4x4, mowing deck



05/22/16 Orono Land Trust Board Tour of McPhetres & Davis



05/25/16 Maine Audubon Tour of BHCA (with financial donation from a member to the Town of Veazie Conservation Commission, and another to a Boy Scout for bridge construction on BHCA)



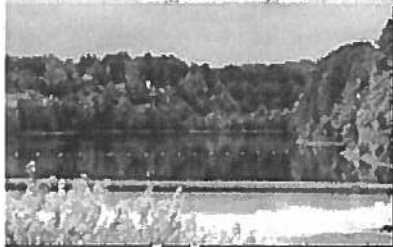
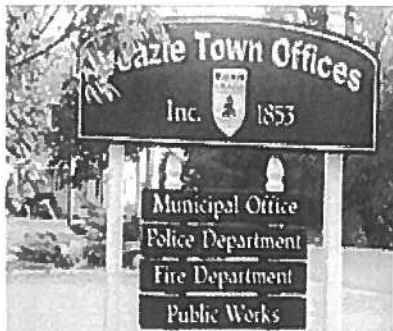


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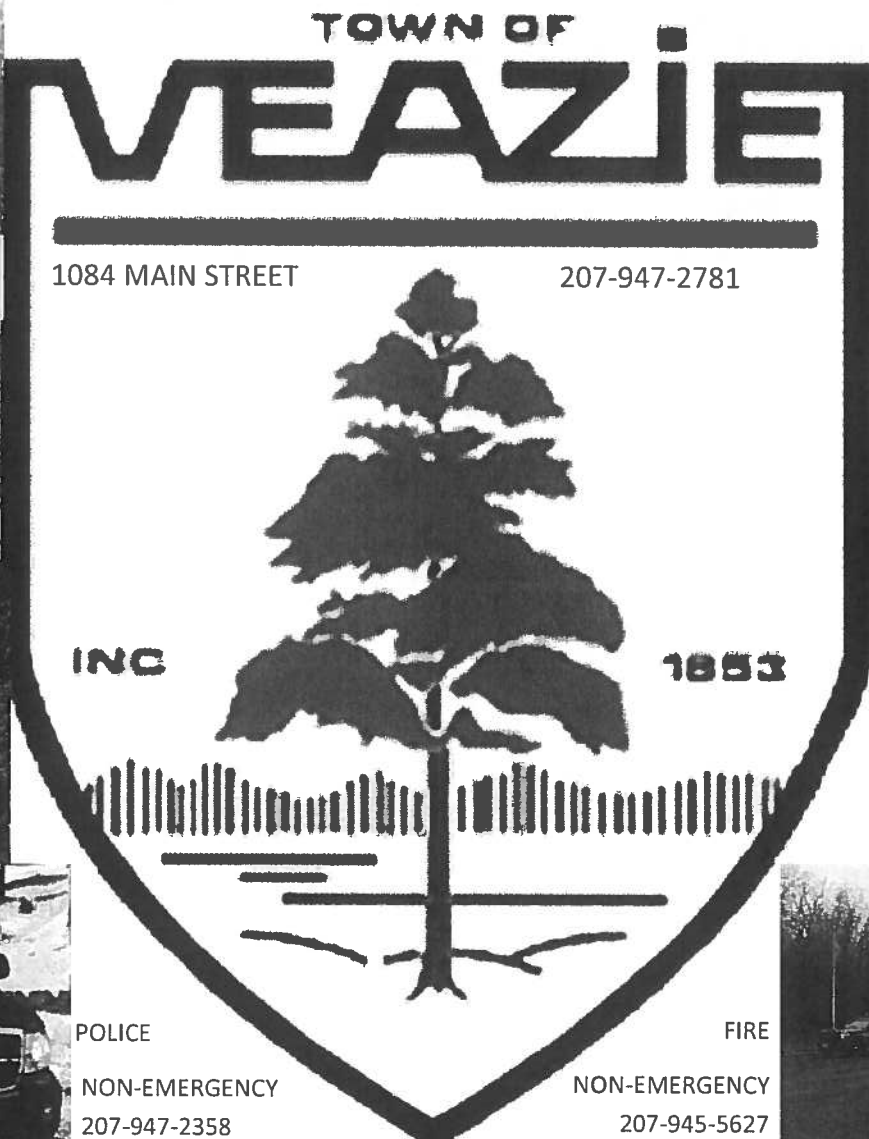
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## **Bangor Area Storm Water Group Meeting**

June 9, 2016

Location: Hampden Town Office, 106 Western Avenue, Hampden, Maine

9:00 am – 11:00 am

### **AGENDA**

- 9:00 am Welcome and Round-robin Introductions**
- 9:10 am DEP Comments on Potential Permit Changes/What Other Clusters are Doing**
- 9:20 am Comparison of Stormwater Permits (Looking at requirements in MA, NH & ME)**
- 9:45 am Engagement in Statewide Initiatives**
- Permit planning (including a potential meeting of the four clusters and use of MEWEA SW Committee as a resource)
  - DEP Draft Hydrant Flushing Issue Profile
  - Upcoming Training Opportunities
- 10:15 am Education and Outreach Planning**
- Report out on remaining stream clean-ups
  - John Sage Foundation Grant – awarded, next steps
  - Plans for special session on social marketing session in the fall
  - Survey Update
  - BASWG Organizational Brochure review/edits/approval
  - Upcoming activities (Events, Keeping Calendar Current)
- 10:45 am Organizational Business**
- Approval of BASWG Minutes
  - PY3 Wrap-up and Regional Report Development
  - Sharing of New Grant Opportunities
- 11:00 am BASWG Meeting adjourns**

*Please note that to accommodate discussion on the statewide planning items, the IDDE Sharing Session and reporting out on MS4 Chloride Outreach Plan Implementation have been moved to the July BASWG Meeting Agenda*

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

TO: Veazie School Committee

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

DATE: June 6, 2016

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

**AGENDA**

- I. Call of the Roll
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of May 2, 2015
- IV. Adjustment to Agenda
- V. Persons Desiring to Address the Committee
- VI. Acknowledgements
- VII. A. Board Chair  
B. Board Vice-Chair



VIII. Personnel

- A. Resignations
- B. Nominations

IX. Principal Report (Exhibit)

X. Superintendent Report

- A. Financial Report (Exhibit)
- B. Grade Eight Ceremony
- C. Superintendent Services
- D. Personnel

XI. New Business

- A. Discuss and act on 2016-2017 Superintendent services.
- B. Discuss and act on Veazie Community School Technology Plan. (Exhibit)

XII. Old Business

XIII. Board Policy (All with Exhibits)

- A. Discuss and act on second reading and adoption of Policy EBCF, Automated External Defibrillators (AED'S)
- B. Discuss and act on second reading and adoption Policy GCOC, Evaluation of Administrative Staff
- C. Discuss and act on first reading of Policy EEAEFA, Video Surveillance on School Property and School Buses, and the accompanying regulation, EEAEFA-R
- D. Discuss and act on first reading of Policy EFDA, Charging of Meals

XIV. Request for Information

XV. Executive Session

XVI. Next Meeting

XVII. Adjournment



# TOWN OF VEAZIE SCHOOL COMMITTEE CANDIDATES

Julia Hathaway is a mother of three Veazie Community School graduates and she wants to make sure that today's students enjoy the same great educational opportunities they did. She is finishing her eleventh year on the School Committee and has helped steer a course of leadership through Union 87 membership, the shotgun marriage that created RSU 26, and the divorce that left Veazie a standalone school district. She has learned how to write policy, negotiate contracts, oversee facilities management, and do administrative candidate searches.

She regularly represents Veazie at conferences such as Maine School Management Association. After years as Vice Chair on the School Committee, she was recently elected Chair.

In addition to her children, she live with her husband of 26 years and her tuxedo cat. Julia is a volunteer with the Orono Public Library, Orono Community Garden and UMaine student organizations.

Her hobbies include writing, open mics, acting, walking, reading, knitting, crocheting and counted cross stitch and singing in two Church choirs.





Kristen Sheranian is excited to run for a position on the Veazie School Committee. A recent transplant to Veazie in 2015, Kristen brings with her years of experience working as a public school Special Education Teacher in the heart of the Rocky Mountains. She also has volunteered extensively with women's and youth charities, non-profits, and religious groups.

Kristen received a Bachelor's of Science in Communication Disorders from Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah. After graduation, she worked for Provo School District as a Speech-language Technician in the special education pre-school, serving developmentally delayed and other disadvantaged children in the area. Over the next several years, Kristen moved with her family to different parts of the country, from Kentucky, New York, back to Utah, Wisconsin and now to Maine.

In each new location, Kristen has jumped at opportunities to get involved and serve the community. She and her husband, Nathan, are kept on their toes by their three energetic children: Canon (VCS 1<sup>st</sup> grade), Abigail (VCS pre-K), and Lydia (future VCS student!).

If given the opportunity to serve on the Veazie School Committee, Kristen will focus on three things:

- Advocating for smart investments in the school
- Strengthening community outreach efforts to benefit all Veazie residents
- Building on the tradition of academic excellence at Veazie Community School

You can find out more about Kristen and keep in touch with her at [www.facebook.com/Sheranian4VCS](https://www.facebook.com/Sheranian4VCS)



Paul Dupuis has been a radio personality in Maine for 28 years is currently the GM & morning host on 93.7 & 94.1 The Wave in Bar Harbor and Bangor. He also has spent the last few decades as a mobile DJ for wedding, parties, etc. He served as an adjunct instructor at the New England School of Communications at Husson University for about 15 years. He's a member of the Bangor Rotary Club and a volunteer with SCORE in Bangor. He has spent some time with other organizations including BNL, The Maine Association of Broadcasters, Veazie school board (when it was part of RSU 26), and St. Paul the Apostle Parish in Bangor. Paul lives in Veazie with his wife Sherry and their two sons.





# TOWN OF VEAZIE TOWN COUNCIL CANDIDATES

For the last 13 years I have been a resident of the Town of Veazie along with my wife Erica and 2 daughters, Avery and Olivia. My Wife and I are celebrating our 15<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary this year. My daughters are both current students at the Veazie Community School in the 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades. I am a graduate of John Baptist MHS and I earned my Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education at the University of Maine. I am celebrating my 21 years at Hannaford, where I am the Store Manager of the Broadway location. I believe in being involved and giving back to my community and most recently I have recently been involved with and supported the Veazie Community School PTO, Big Brothers and Big Sisters, and the American Red Cross.

As a Town Councilor, I will stand for creating a strong, full service Town where people seek to live. I will continue to expand on the creation of a long term vision and comprehensive plan for the Town of Veazie where residents have a voice in creating a shared vision for a full service community with a police department, fire department, and neighborhood school. I would like to capitalize on our proximity to Bangor and Orono to find opportunities to grow our tax base through responsible residential and business growth. The Town of Veazie has a long history of independence and local control and as a Councilor I will carry on that tradition.







Michael Reid and his wife, Kimberley, relocated to Veazie from Jacksonville, Florida in July 2015. Michael is the Vice-President, Chief Administrative Officer of the Medical Group at Eastern Maine Medical Center. He began his career in healthcare as a radiologic technologist at St. Luke's hospital in Jacksonville Florida in 1981. Michael had a desire to pursue a career in healthcare administration and earned a Bachelor's Degree in Healthcare Administration

from Bellevue University and a Master's Degree in Business. Michael also achieved several specialized certifications, including a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives (FACHE), a Fellow with the American College of Medical Practice Executives (FACMPE), Certified Procedural Coder (CPC) and Certified Radiology Administrator (CRA). He has published multiple articles for the MGMA on customer service. Before joining EMMC, Michael was the Vice President of Physician Services with The Regional Medical Center located in Orangeburg, South Carolina. While in South Carolina, Michael was named Governor-Elect of the South Carolina Medical Group Management Association. He was also president of the St. Matthew's Rotary Club and spearheaded several charity drives during his tenure.

Michael and his wife have been married for almost 29 years. They have three children, a daughter and two sons. They also have a granddaughter named Madeline, who lives in Tennessee. In their free time, Michael and Kimberley have been exploring the state parks of Maine and enjoying the beauty of their new home state. Kimberley is a Massage Therapist and volunteers at Ronald McDonald House.

Michael's moto for daily living is: Do not worry about things you cannot control and if you can control things, you should not have to worry about them.

Michael's goals as a member of the Town Council is to keep the small town atmosphere while improving upon the quality-of-life programs within the Town, such as the park system and to share and support the needs of our service men and women in the Police, Fire, and School department.



Karen Walker grew up in the Town of Veazie and has spent most of her life here raising two children. Her daughter works with special needs children and my son who is a wounded warrior.

She worked for over 25 years as a merchandising specialist for Hallmark, Hershey, Colgate, Kellogg and others. The last 12 years she has been the Font End Manager at Frank's Bakery.

Karen has served and is a member of many different organizations and committees. She is a lifelong member of the American Legion Aux. and served as President in the past. She also was a past Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star, served on the Town's Bicentennial Committee, Brownie, Girl Scout and Cub Scout leader as well as a Troop Greater at Bangor International Airport.

Karen was a Sunday School Teacher and Youth Group leader and is currently the Assistant Treasurer and Co-Chairman of the Diaconate as well as sings in the choir.

Since her retirement three years ago, Karen has been able to give more of her time to the many organizations she is a part of. She is currently serving as Vice-President of the Senior and Friends of Veazie Group and is on the Board of Directors for Advisory Board for Gateway Seniors Without Walls as well as a member of the Thriving In Place Committee and the Veazie Garden Club.

She wrote a history of the Town of Veazie in the mid 1970's and is currently working on a photo history of the Town over the last 100 years.

In her free time she enjoys reading, cooking, sewing and gardening.



# *2015 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report*

## **Orono-Veazie Water District**

Orono, Maine  
PWSID ME0091210

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

If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water system, please contact the office at telephone number 207-866-4449, fax 207-866-3570, or mailing address 47 Penobscot Street, Orono, ME 04473. We want our valued customers to be informed about their water system. If you want to learn more, please attend any of our regularly scheduled meetings. Please check our website for their specific time and location, at [www.ovwd.org](http://www.ovwd.org).

OVWD contracted with Wright & Pierce to develop a Master Plan for the District. The Master Plan will serve as a tool to integrate all ongoing planning efforts in the service communities so the water system can better coordinate planning for growth and utility management.

### **WATER SOURCE**

Our water is drawn from four drilled wells located in a well field to the north of 116 Bennoch Road. The water from all four is filtered and then treated with chlorine to protect against bacteriological contaminants, fluoride to promote dental health, and sodium hydroxide to reduce lead solubility from your home's plumbing. We maintain 2,297 service connections that serve a population of 8,125.

### **SOURCE WATER ASSESSMENT**

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

### **WATER QUALITY**

The Orono-Veazie Water District routinely monitors for contaminants in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. The following table shows any detection resulting from our monitoring for the period of January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

<b>TEST RESULTS</b>						
Unless otherwise noted, testing was done in 2015.						
Contaminant	Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Unit Measurement	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
<b>Microbiological Contaminants</b>						
Total Coliform Bacteria	N	0 positive	Highest monthly # of positive samples	0	1 positive	Naturally present in the environment
<b>Radioactive Contaminants</b>						
Radium-228 (4/3/12)	N	0.227	pCi/L	0	5	Erosion of natural deposits.
<b>Inorganic Contaminants</b>						
Copper* (1/1/11-12/31/13)	N	0.12	ppm	1.3	AL=1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems
Fluoride (10/14/15)	N	0.7	ppm	4	4	Erosion of natural deposits. Water additive which promotes strong teeth. Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Lead* (1/1/11-12/31/13)	N	3.9	ppb	0	AL=15	Corrosion of household plumbing systems
Nitrate (3/3/15)	N	0.17	ppm	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
* = Reported results are the 90 <sup>th</sup> percentile value (the value that 90% of all samples are less than).						
<b>Disinfection By-Products</b>						
HAA5 [Total Haloacetic Acids] 1215 State St	N	RAA=29 (3.9-18)	ppb	0	60	By-product of drinking water chlorination
TTHM [Total Trihalomethanes] 1215 State St	N	RAA=65 (49.9-81.4)	ppb	0	80	By-product of drinking water chlorination
HAA5 [Total Haloacetic Acids] UM Student Union	N	RAA=34 (21-43)	ppb	0	60	By-product of drinking water chlorination
TTHM [Total Trihalomethanes] UM Student Union	N	RAA=40 (23.3-48.2)	ppb	0	80	By-product of drinking water chlorination



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

**Definitions:**

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

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

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

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

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

**MFL** - million fibers per liter

**Not Applicable (N/A)** - Does not apply

**POS** - Positive Sample

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

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

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

**Units:**

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

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

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

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

**Notes:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

We are required to report our Running Annual Average (RAA) for chlorine residual, since our system chlorinates its water. **Chlorine Residual** was found to be **0.437 ppm**, with a range of 0.01 ppm to 1.20 ppm.

2015 Violations

**Violation Period**  
7/1/2015-7/31/2015

**Violation Type**  
Type 24 Violation – Monitoring(TCR), Routine minor coliform(TCR)

We are required to monitor our drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring indicate whether or not our drinking water meets health standards. During 2015, we did not test for, or failed to collect all necessary tests for Total Coliform Bacteria.

The District collected **4 of the 6** required samples is how the violation occurred. The rule procedure was changed in sampling, which created a new sampling protocol with sample timing to take half the samples at the beginning of the month and the rest at the end of the month versus taking all samples at the beginning of the month. This resulted in the over sight of total sample collections. We took our first set of samples at the beginning of the month and made an over sight not taking the samples at the end of the month. Corrections have been instituted to address the new sampling protocol.

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

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

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

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



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June 9, 2016

Mr. Mark Leonard  
Town of Veazie  
1084 Main Street  
Veazie, ME 04401

Dear Mark,

The Board of Directors of Gateway Seniors Without Walls wishes to express its thanks to you and the Town of Veazie for your generous donation of \$500.00.

We strive every day to serve seniors in Veazie and the surrounding area. Last year, generous donors like you made it possible for Gateway to present over 800 activities in our local Maine communities. It's your enthusiastic support that makes better, happier, and more fulfilling lives for our seniors possible. Thank you once again for your generous assistance to Gateway and its mission.

Sincerely,

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Merrill E. Milham, Treasurer and Secretary,  
Gateway Seniors Without Walls





Message

Fri, Jun 10, 2016 1:16 PM

From:  "Andrew McNally" <Andrew\_Mcnally@umit.maine.edu>To:  **Mark Leonard**

Subject: Purchasing the land by the river

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Hello Mr. Leonard-

My name is Andrew McNally and I have been a citizen of Veazie for the past five years. I walk down to the river very occasionally and love to hear the it run, the sounds of the birds and the sun make it an amazing place to be. It was not long ago some land was created on the edge of the river when the damn was taken out. It is currently locked up so no one in the community can use it or gain access without permission from the Penobscot tribes. I would love to see this land purchased by the town so that one day we can open it to the public at large and see a boat landing for kayak's and canoes to be off loaded and the river used for recreational purposes. Thank you for your time.

Andrew McNally

