



Veazie Town Council

Regular Meeting

**June 27th, 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 June 14th Regular Council Meeting Minutes and June 20th Special Meeting Minutes
- ITEM 6:** Comments from the Public

New Business:

- ITEM 7:** Election of Chair
- ITEM 8:** Set Council Meeting dates and time
- ITEM 9:** Citizen Involvement appointments
- A. Cemetery Committee
 - B. Planning Board
 - C. Conservation Commission
- ITEM 10:** Orono Library Presentation

Old Business:

- ITEM 11:** Executive Session 1 MRSA 405 (6)(E) – Consultations with legal counsel
- ITEM 12:** Penobscot River Restoration Trust Proposed Land Transfer
- ITEM 13:** Manager's Report
- ITEM 14:** Comments from the Public
- ITEM 15:** Requests for information and Town Council Comments
- ITEM 16:** Review & Sign of AP Town Warrant #24 and Town Payroll #26, School Payroll Warrant #26 and AP School Warrant #26.
- ITEM 17:** Adjournment

Tammy Perry
5 Prouty Dr
947-9624

Chris Bagley
16 Silver Ridge
cbagley@veazie.net

David King
1081 Main St
942-2376

Paul Messer
1010 School St
249-1361

Michael Reid
14 Prouty Dr.
573-1300

Agenda Items

For June 27, 2016

Council Meeting

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

ITEM 7: Members of the Council will elect a chair for the coming year.

Suggested Motion: I motion to nominate (enter name) to the position of Chair for the Veazie Town Council.

ITEM 8: Members of the Council will set the Council meeting dates and time for the coming year

Suggested Motion: I motion to set the Council Meeting Dates for the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month with the meetings to begin at 6:30PM unless the need arises for a special meeting and those meeting dates and times will be set and posted as needed.

ITEM 9: A citizen involvement application has been received from Karen Walker. Mrs. Walker is requesting to be on the Cemetery Committee, the Planning Board and the Conservation Commission. Openings exist on all of the requested Committees and Boards.

A. Suggested Motion: I motion to nominate Karen Walker to the Cemetery Committee

B. Suggested Motion: I motion to nominate Karen Walker to the Planning Board for a three year term

C. Suggested Motion: I motion to nominate Karen Walker to the Conservation Commission for a three year term.

ITEM 10: Orono Library Director Laurie Carpenter will make a presentation to the Council requesting \$5,000.00 as an annual fee to the Orono Library. If this request is fulfilled the Orono Library will continue to extend its resources to the Citizens of Veazie for no charge. Last year we gave the Town of Orono \$7,500.00 for recreation and library services. We have ended our partnership with the Town of Orono for Recreation Services which is the reason for the reduction in the request.

ITEM 11: Members of the Council, Legal Counsel and Manager Leonard will go into executive session per 1 MRSA 405 6 E, discussion with legal Counsel.

Suggested Motion: I motion that we enter into Executive Session per 1 MRSA 405 6 E, discussion with legal Counsel

ITEM 12: Members of the Council will finalize discussion and take action on the proposed land transfer with the Penobscot River Restoration.

Veazie Town Council Meeting
June 14th, 2016

Members Present: Chairman Tammy Perry, Councilor Robert Rice, Councilor Chris Bagley, Councilor Karen Walker, Councilor David King, Manager Mark Leonard, Attorney Roger Huber and various members of the public.

Members Absent:
All present

ITEM 1: Call to order

Chairman Tammy Perry called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

ITEM 2: Secretary to do the roll call:

All present

ITEM 3: Pledge of Allegiance

ITEM 4: Consideration of the Agenda

None

ITEM 5: Approval of the May 23rd, 2016 Regular Council Meeting Minutes

Councilor David King made a motion, seconded by Councilor Robert Rice to approve the May 23rd, 2016 Regular Council Meeting Minutes as written. Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried.

ITEM 6: Comments from the public

None

New Business:

ITEM 7: Transfers

Councilor Robert Rice made a motion, seconded by Councilor David King to transfer \$10,000.00 from General Government account (100-50-060) Consultant, to a reserve account named General Government Consultant to be created. Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried.

Councilor David King made a motion, seconded by Councilor Robert Rice to transfer \$5,000.00 from Community Investment account (550-95-105) Economic Development, to a reserve account (30-3070-00) Economic Development. Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried.

Councilor Robert Rice made a motion, seconded by Councilor David King to transfer \$1,000.00 from Fire Department Miscellaneous Revenue account (300-1000) to Fire Department account (300-60-073) EMS Equipment. Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried.

Councilor David King made a motion, seconded by Councilor Robert Rice 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. Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried.

ITEM 8: Induction of Council meeting date discussion

Councilor Chris Bagley made a motion, seconded by Councilor Dave King to have a Special Meeting on June 20th starting at 5:00pm in the Council Chambers. Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried.

ITEM 9: Discussion of office closure for yearend duties

Councilor Karen Walker made a motion, seconded by Councilor Dave King to close the Town Office at noon on June 30th so the yearend duties can be processed. Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried.

ITEM 10: Executive Session 1 MRSA 405 (6)(E) - Consultations with legal counsel

Councilor Robert Rice made a motion, seconded by Councilor David King to enter into Executive Session 1 MRSA 405 (6)(E) - Consultations with legal counsel at 7:15pm. Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried.

Councilor David King made a motion, seconded by Councilor Karen Walker to exit Executive Session at 7:51pm. Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried.

Old Business

ITEM 11: Penobscot River Restoration Trust land transfer update

Chairman Perry stated that they have come a long way and have made a lot of progress, this item will be on the June 27th agenda for discussion.

ITEM 12: Manager's Report

Manager Leonard reviewed his report with the Councilor's.

ITEM 13: Comments from the Public

There were several comments made by citizens.

ITEM 14: Requests for information and Town Council Comments

None

ITEM 15: Review & sign of AP Town Warrant #23and Town Payroll #24 & #25 School Payroll Warrant #25 and AP School Warrant #25.

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 8:01pm

A True Copy Attest

Mark Leonard, Town Manager

Veazie Town Council Special Meeting
June 20th, 2016

Members Present: Chairman Tammy Perry, Councilor Chris Bagley, Councilor David King, Councilor Paul Messer, Councilor Michael Reid, Manager Mark Leonard, Secretary Julie Strout and various members of the public.

Members Absent:
All present

ITEM 1: Call to order
Chairman Tammy Perry called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

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

ITEM 3: Induction of Council
Paul Messer read and signed his oath for office.

Michael Reid read and signed his oath for office.

ITEM 4: Adjournment
Councilor David King motioned to adjourn.
Councilor Paul Messer seconded. No discussion. Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried.
Adjourned at 5:04pm

A True Copy Attest

Julie Strout, Deputy Clerk

ITEM # 9 AB

Citizen Involvement Application

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

Name Karen Walker

Phone Number 947-0458

Address 1002 Mutton Lane

Civic Involvement _____

Years Resided in Veazie 66

Specialty or Field merchandizing

Committee or Boards Interested In Cemetery Committee,

Additional Information Planning Board
Conservation Commission

having worked on keeping the cemetery in good shape
I wish to keep working on it as a committee member.

living in VZ most of my life I have a great interest
plans for its future - owning over 30 acres of land and living
on the boundary of the town forest I also have an interest
in its work as well.



Date Received at Town Office: 6-16-16

*If interested please feel free to tear this page out
and return it to the Town Office*

ITEM # 10

Orono Public Library
39 Pine Street
Orono, Maine 04473

Mark Leonard
Town of Veazie
1084 Main Street
Veazie, Maine 04401

May 11, 2016

Dear Mr. Leonard,

Thank you for visiting the Orono Public Library last month. I was pleased to give you a tour of our facility and discuss the possibility of ongoing library services to the Veazie Community.

As discussed, we would extend the library service that we have been providing to your citizens through July 31, 2017 for the annual fee of \$5,000. This would not include any services provided through the Orono Parks and Recreation Department. The list below shows some of the many services provided by the Orono Public Library:

- Ample parking
- Programs for all ages
- Check out books, movies, music, audio books and magazines
- Request items from 65+ Maine libraries
- Access databases
- Download free audio and e-books
- Access Learning Express: online learning to improve skills for academic and career success.

As we near the end of FY2016-17, I will provide a report on the number of Veazie citizens who have taken advantage of the Town of Orono's library service. This will assist both municipalities in deciding if the service is to continue for FY2017-18. I would be happy to meet with your Town Council and provide a tour of the facility upon request.

Sincerely,

Laurie A. Carpenter, Director
laurie@orono.org
207-866-5060



Message

Wed, Jun 22, 2016 2:44 PM

From: "Willette, Tracy" <tracy.willette@bangormaine.gov>

To: Mark Leonard

Subject: RE: Land Question

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ITEM # 12

Mark:

Thanks again for the tour of the riverfront property a couple of weeks ago. My apologies for not getting back to you sooner.

As I mentioned to you that day, it sounds like the Town of Veazie has a great opportunity to assure its citizens some excellent access to riverfront recreation. There are examples around the state of communities that have the unique amenity of waterfront or riverfront access. Not all communities are as fortunate. We certainly have examples here in Bangor of the Waterfront. However, and probably more applicable in your case, is the Kenduskeag Stream Trail which also offers recreational opportunities. The Brewer side of the Penobscot River is also a good example of the potential of riverfront access. Other communities such as Bucksport and Hallowell are also great examples.

As far as ongoing maintenance, we do not set aside any maintenance funds or personnel for specific areas. The Waterfront is set up as it's own "Division" within the Parks and Recreation Department. However, most of that expense is for the harbor operation and not for things like for mowing and grounds maintenance. The information you have been given for the mowing maintenance of your area is very competitive and worth pursuing. Also included in the harbor budget is electricity and water, but that is minimal. The Waterfront is mowed at least once per week with some of the more visible areas done twice per week.

We do have some trail maintenance on the Kenduskeag Stream Trail, but that is incorporated into the Parks Maintenance and Forestry budgets. We also have a citizen volunteer group that helps us with maintenance. If there is one thing I would recommend is investing in lighting and security cameras. Those are items that may be beneficial given the remote location of your areas.

It certainly is recognized that adding to existing facilities can be a challenge, especially in tight budget years. However, the opportunity to gain this valuable asset for the Town is one that doesn't come around very often and could benefit your citizens for many years.

I hope this is the information you were looking for. If you need anything further, feel free to ask.

Tracy

From: Mark Leonard [<mailto:mleonard@veazie.net>]

Manager's Report

For June 27, 2016

Council Meeting

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

CEO John Larson and I had a meeting regarding some properties in Town which are not in compliance with the Town's Ordinances. CEO Larson sent letters to each homeowner in hopes they will voluntarily clean up their properties.

At the request of the Council, I put together a cost analysis of potential future costs on the proposed park. This memo has been shared with the Council.

The Penobscot River Restoration held an end of year celebration in Howland in which I attended. The turnout was excellent with over 300 people in attendance. Laura Rose Day was presented with an International Award for her leadership and vision.

The Nature Conservancy Group requested I speak with members regarding the River Restoration Project as they were touring sights associated with the project. There were approximately 40 people in attendance.

Town Meeting and Election Day were a success again this year. May thanks to Julie Strout, the Office Staff and the Election workers for their work to make the day run smoothly. Additionally, I want to thank Jon Pottle for doing an outstanding job as Moderator for the Town meeting.

The Town Forester, a representative from the DEP, 2 Boy Scouts, their Scout Master and myself met to discuss a proposed Eagle Scout project the boys would like to complete. The DEP provided a permit for the boys to construct two crossings over water in the Town's Forest.

Barney Silver, Sewer Superintendent McLaughlin and I met to develop a timeline for paving. The initial plan is to pave the Chase Rd, Jackson Drive, Mt View area of Town first then focus on the Prouty Drive area. The timeline has not been finalized but areas on Jackson Drive and Mt. View have already been marked for dig safe.

Andy Brown and I attended a meeting held at Bangor Parks and Recreation in reference to applying for a trail grant that the State of Maine will be offering.

The end of the year BBQ for the Students and Staff of the School was held with both Councilor Bagley and myself doing the cooking. We have done this for several years and I look forward to helping out next year.

CEO Larson, Barney Silver, James Gallant (Bangor Lawn) and I attended a meeting with Phil Ruck from SEE regarding the Town's Stormwater Permit. We discussed the end of quarter permit requirements and also to prepare for the Town's Compliance Audit that is expected to occur in the next few months.

Manager's Report For June 27, 2016 Council Meeting

I would like to welcome Councilor Paul Messer and Councilor Michael Reid. They have both been sworn into office on June 20th.

The School Budget validation vote was held on June 21 with 64 people participating. The budget was validated by a vote of 55-9.

I attended the quarterly meeting for the Regional Communications Board of Directors.

I received notification that I have been elected to the Board of Directors for Penquis Cap.

Representatives from Kathadin Trust Banking and I met to begin the process of transferring the School accounts over to them from Bangor Savings Bank. The Town's investment accounts will also be turned over to Kathadin Trust effective July 1st.

I completed a self-inspection form for the Tennis Court and Ball fields. This is a requirement as part of the grant that was used to build them.

I have received and reviewed the Gateway Seniors without walls annual report for 2015-2016. This is available at the Town Office for review.

I have written a response to one of the citizen that spoke at the last meeting concerning sidewalks, tree trimming and sign ordinances. I have spoken to her in person as well.

I attended a child advocacy center (CAC) meeting at DHHS. The reason for the meeting was to provide an update on the CAC which is scheduled to open between October and December of this year.

I have reviewed the Stormwater 101 Material which was provided by SEE. I will be briefly reviewing this with the members of the Council and also request they complete a knowledge survey.

Attachments:

Agenda from June 16th Economic Development Meeting

Invitation to Solar Meeting

Veazie Community School Newsletter

Thriving in Place flyer for July 12 meeting

Email from Secretary Dunlap

Stormwater 101

Stormwater Survey

Agenda

June 16, 2016

- Approval of last meetings minutes
- Discussion and feedback of our business networking event... next steps
- Penobscot River Regatta- our plan
- Comprehensive plan update
- Other—recruitment of new member
- Set next meeting date



Message

Wed, Jun 15, 2016 9:17 AM

From: Karen Marysdaughter <karenmd@myfairpoint.net>

To: **Mark Leonard**

Subject: Forum on the Future of Solar in Maine, June 28, EMCC

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Hello Mark,

In light of recent developments regarding solar policy in Maine, I am helping to organize one in a series of forums around the state on “The Future of Solar”, on Tuesday, June 28 at EMCC in Bangor.

Many municipalities already have solar installations or have been considering them, as a way to stabilize municipal energy costs. This will be an excellent opportunity to hear about the current and future situation for solar in Maine. We hope you will join us!

“The Future of Solar in Maine: A Conversation with Maine Leaders about Solar Policy and the State of Solar Energy”

Tuesday, June 28, 2016

6:30 to 8:00 pm

Rangeley Hall, Eastern Maine Community College

There is growing support for policies in Maine that will take advantage of the many economic development opportunities of solar energy. The Bangor gathering is the third in a series of meetings around the state to discuss the benefits of solar to Maine’s economy, incentives for current and future solar users, and next steps for the growing solar industry in Maine.

Sponsored by: Natural Resources Council of Maine, City of Bangor, Eastern Maine Development Corporation, Bangor Greendrinks, Maine Audubon, GrowSmart Maine, Maine Conservation Voters, Envision Maine, and Sierra Club.

The program -

Welcome by Rep. Norm Higgins (R- Dover--Foxcroft) and a recent history of solar policy in Maine.

Introduction by Sharon Klein (University of Maine Dept of Economics) on the economics of solar.

Moderated discussion:

PENOBSCOT RIVER RESTORATION PROJECT

Celebration of the completion of the Howland Bypass

June 14, 2016

Opening Ceremony

Butch Phillips

Chris Sockalexis

Penobscot Indian Nation

Welcome

Don Hudson

President of the Board, Penobscot River Restoration Trust

&

Laura Rose Day

Executive Director, Penobscot River Restoration Trust

Remarks and Words of Celebration

Glenn Brawn

Chairman, Howland Board of Selectmen

Patrick Keliher

Commissioner, Maine Department of Marine Resources

Sherry White

Assistant Northeast Regional Director

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Dan Morris

Deputy Regional Administrator, Greater Atlantic Region

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Chief Kirk Francis

Penobscot Indian Nation

The **Penobscot River Restoration Project** was launched more than a decade ago to help restore the severely depleted native sea-run fisheries of the Penobscot River system while maintaining hydropower generation in the watershed.

By removing the lower two dams (Great Works 2012 and Veazie 2013) and bypassing the Howland Dam, the Penobscot Project greatly improves access to nearly 1,000 miles of historic habitat for endangered Atlantic salmon and shortnose sturgeon, threatened Atlantic sturgeon, American shad, river herring, and six other species of sea-run fish.

The Penobscot Project is an unprecedented collaboration of the Penobscot Indian Nation, seven conservation groups, state and federal agencies, and dam owners, working with citizens, businesses, and communities throughout the region.

Penobscot Indian Nation

American Rivers – Atlantic Salmon Federation

Maine Audubon – Natural Resources Council of Maine

The Nature Conservancy

The Penobscot River Restoration Trust – Trout Unlimited

Department of the Interior

(U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Bureau of Indian Affairs – National Park Service)

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

State of Maine

Black Bear Hydro Partners and PPL Corporation

For more information, contact info@penobscotriver.org

- Tim Schneider (Maine's Public Advocate)
 - Dylan Voorhees (NRCM)
- Chuck Piper (SunDog Solar, Searsport)

Public Q&A

To register for the event: www.nrcm.kintera.org/solarBangor

Karen Marysdaughter
karenmd@myfairpoint.net
262-3706 (home)
930-5440 (cell)

Veazie Community School

"Small School, BIG Heart!"

Farewell VCS Class of 2016

On behalf of the Veazie Community School, we wish a fond farewell to the VCS Class of 2016. The 8th grade class finished the year with an incredible field trip to MDI. All students were recognized the evening of Thursday, June 16 at the VCS Graduation Ceremony. Good luck to all!

We are VEAZIE!

We are PROUD!

We are VIKINGS!

Congratulations to VCS Scholar Leaders Sydney Ellis & Logan Toothaker



Veazie Summer Learning Experience

All VCS students are invited to participate in the VCS Summer Learning Experience. Students can work on their IXL accounts, keep track of reading minutes (including being read to) and keep a writer's journal (or Google Doc). Students who register and participate will be eligible for some really cool prizes at our back-to-school assembly in August. Contact Mr. Cyr if you have questions. Register at this link: <http://goo.gl/forms/x954KqVHTqt2izA33>

Save the Date!

First Student Day
8/31/16

ALL students in
grades PK – 8.
**WELCOME
BACK!**

Open House,
Dinner and a Show
9/15/16 5:30-7:30p.m.

Professional School
Open House
**8/23/16 6p.m. @
Margarita's in
Orono**

Fall Potluck Day
9/21/16

Fall Book Fair
**October 3-7 with
Family Night the
evening of Oct. 6.**

Art in the Park 2016

VCS students recently participated in a collaborative, community art project at the Veazie Riverside Community Park. Students used artifacts found along the shore to create beautiful pieces of art to be put on display in our school and the Town Council Chambers.



Screen Free Night

Many students pledged to be screen-free for an entire week this spring. VCS staff coordinated a wonderful menu of engaging activities for students, parents and community members. This included guided hikes, minute-to-win-it games, gardening, cookie decorating, chia pet creation, a HUGE kickball game and an amazing Book Fair!



Exploration Blocks

VCS teaching teams designed flexible exploration blocks. Students were able to select activities such as Robotics, STEM, improv, book making, gardening and Chinese exploration. We had great success with this model and will look to expand upon it next fall. These are exciting times to be a student at VCS!

Y-Works After School Program

We were very fortunate to partner with the Bangor YMCA this past year to provide the Y-Works After School Program. The caring Y-staff provide safe, guided activities, snacks & homework help. **Low enrollment has put this program/ community resource at risk.** *I strongly encourage parents interested in taking advantage of this after school-care program to contact the Bangor YMCA and register for the fall as soon as possible. Thank you!*



M00V Penobscot Thriving in Place

It's free to attend and there will be breakfast snacks and coffee!

Please join us to learn about programs available in your town.

Tuesday, July 12th

9:00 am—10:00 am

Orono Town Council Chambers

Speakers:

Penobscot County Sherriff, Troy Morton

Wandering Program

Orono Police Chief, Josh Ewing

Good Morning Program

Call 941-2865 for more details





Message

Thu, Jun 23, 2016 12:39 PM

From:  maine@subscriptions.maine.govTo:  Mark Leonard

Subject: Secretary Dunlap announces final wording of referendum questions

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You are subscribed to Maine.gov Press Releases for Maine.gov. This information has recently been updated, and is now available.

Secretary Dunlap announces final wording of referendum questions

06/23/2016 12:29 PM EDT

****AUGUSTA**** - The wording of the five citizens' initiative questions that will appear on the Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2016 Referendum Election ballot is now finalized, Secretary of State Matthew Dunlap announced Thursday.

The order of these citizens' initiative questions on the ballot will be determined by a random drawing on Monday, June 27 at 11 a.m. This drawing is open to the public. It will take place in the lobby of the Maine State Archives in the Cultural Building, 230 State St., Augusta.

Below is the title of each initiative and the final wording for how it will appear on the ballot:

**** An Act To Establish Ranked-Choice Voting.**** "Do you want to allow voters to rank their choices of candidates in elections for U.S. Senate, Congress, Governor, State Senate, and State Representative, and to have ballots counted at the state level in multiple rounds in which last-place candidates are eliminated until a candidate wins by majority?"

**** An Act To Establish The Fund to Advance Public Kindergarten to Grade 12 Education.**** "Do you want to add a 3% tax on individual Maine taxable income above \$200,000 to create a state fund that would provide direct support for student learning in kindergarten through 12th grade public education?"

**** An Act To Legalize Marijuana.**** "Do you want to allow the possession and use of marijuana under state law by persons who are at least 21 years of age, and allow the cultivation, manufacture, distribution, testing, and sale of marijuana and marijuana products subject to state regulation, taxation and local ordinance?"

**** An Act to Raise the Minimum Wage.**** "Do you want to raise the minimum hourly wage of \$7.50 to \$9 in 2017, with annual \$1 increases up to \$12 in 2020, and annual cost-of-living increases thereafter; and do you want to raise the direct wage for service workers who receive tips from half the minimum wage to \$5 in 2017, with annual \$1 increases until it reaches the adjusted minimum wage?"

****An Act to Require Background Checks for Gun Sales.**** "Do you want to require background checks prior to the sale or transfer of firearms between individuals not licensed as firearms dealers, with failure to do so punishable by law, and with some exceptions for family members, hunting, self-defense, lawful competitions, and shooting range activity?"

The full text of each proposed bill is available for viewing on the Bureau of Corporations, Elections and Commissions' Citizens' Initiatives webpage at <http://maine.gov/sos/cec/elec/citizens/index.html> , along with proponent information.

Secretary Dunlap received 185 comments on these initiatives during the 30-day public comment period, which was open Friday, May 13 through Monday, June 13. These comments, from individuals and organizations throughout the state, were taken into consideration to draft the final language of the ballot question.

"We try to capture as much of the essence of the legislation as possible when we draft the ballot questions," said Secretary Dunlap. "That was a real challenge with these five initiatives because these are not simple pieces of legislation, and I feel like we owe it to the voters to try and make sure they really understand the ramifications of each one."

The Bureau of Corporations, Elections and Commissions will be creating a Citizens' Guide to the 2016 Election in the coming months and all voters are encouraged to read it to inform themselves of the details of each bill, which cannot be fully addressed in the ballot questions.

In addition to the citizens' initiative questions, the November Referendum Election ballot will also include one bond question, LD 1694, which will appear below the citizens' initiative questions on the ballot:

****An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Improve Highways, Bridges and Multimodal Facilities.**** "Do you favor a \$100,000,000 bond issue for construction, reconstruction and rehabilitation of highways and bridges and for facilities, equipment and property acquisition related to ports, harbors, marine transportation, freight and passenger railroads, aviation, transit and bicycle and pedestrian trails, to be used to match an estimated \$137,000,000 in federal and other funds?"

For more information about the November 2016 elections, visit <http://maine.gov/sos/cec/elec/upcoming/index.html> . Information on voter registration and locating your polling place can also be found on the Corporations, Elections and Commissions website at <http://maine.gov/sos/cec/elec/voter-info/index.html>.

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Maine.gov? [Contact](#)



Municipal Stormwater Survey

1. Do you live in a watershed?
 - ☐ Yes
 - ☐ No
 - ☐ I don't know

2. Based on your current knowledge, do you think the overall water quality of the river, streams and lakes in your area are:
 - ☐ Poor
 - ☐ Fair
 - ☐ Good
 - ☐ Excellent

3. How concerned are you about water quality in your area?
 - ☐ Very concerned
 - ☐ Somewhat concerned
 - ☐ Not concerned

4. In your opinion, what is the most significant source of water pollution (check one):
 - ☐ Municipal sewer plant
 - ☐ Water flowing from yards, parking lots, and streets
 - ☐ Farm and agricultural activities
 - ☐ Soil erosion from construction sites
 - ☐ Lawn maintenance (chemical use)
 - ☐ Pet waste

5. Do you think pet waste is a significant source of water pollution?
 - ☐ Yes
 - ☐ No
 - ☐ Don't know

6. Do you think that wastewater from municipal sewer treatment plants is a significant source of water pollution?
 - ☐ Yes
 - ☐ No
 - ☐ Don't know



7. Do you think that rainfall runoff from yards, parking lots, and streets is a significant source of water pollution?
- ☐ Yes
 - ☐ No
 - ☐ Don't know
8. Do you think that rainfall runoff from farms and agricultural operations is a significant source of water pollution?
- ☐ Yes
 - ☐ No
 - ☐ Don't know
9. Do you think that dirt eroding from construction sites is a significant source of water pollution?
- ☐ Yes
 - ☐ No
 - ☐ Don't know
10. Do you think lawn maintenance (clippings, fertilizer, pesticides etc.) is a significant source of water pollution?
- ☐ Yes
 - ☐ No
 - ☐ Don't know

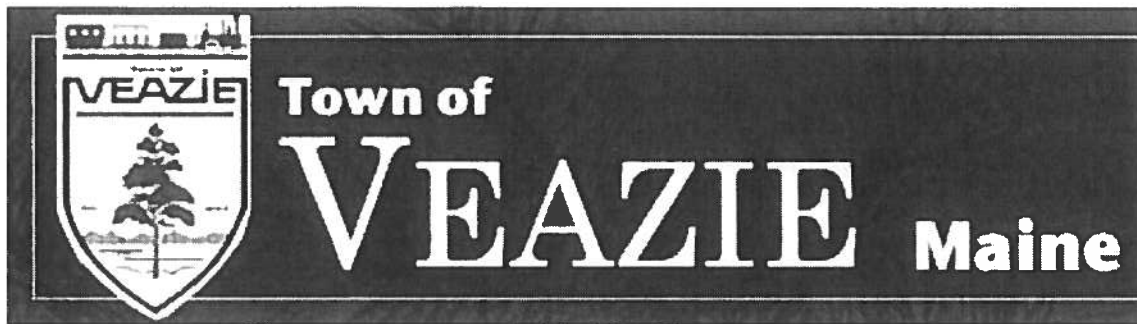


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11. Presently, how do you dispose of common household products such as left over paint and paint thinner, unused gasoline, pesticides, cleaning products or solvents. (Check all that apply):
- ☐ Dump down drain or flush down toilet
 - ☐ Pour on ground
 - ☐ Pour down storm sewer/drain
 - ☐ Put in trash
 - ☐ Let air dry then put in trash
 - ☐ Drop off at household hazardous waste collection site
 - ☐ Store it/hold on to it for now
 - ☐ Drop used or old motor oil at local garage
 - ☐ Share or give left over product to friends or family
 - ☐ Avoid purchasing hazardous household products
12. When you mow your grass, what do you do with the grass clippings? Do you.....
- ☐ Leave them in the yard
 - ☐ Collect them and throw them in the garbage
 - ☐ Rake or blow them into a drain
 - ☐ Mulch or compost them
 - ☐ Something else
13. Do you ever use fertilizer on your lawn?
- ☐ Yes
 - ☐ No (skip to question 16)
14. About how often would you say you use fertilizer on your lawn? Would you say:
- ☐ Monthly
 - ☐ Two or three times a year
 - ☐ Once a year or less
15. Does anyone ever test the soil on your lawn to determine how much fertilizer is needed?
- ☐ Yes
 - ☐ No
16. Do you have a car/truck or other vehicle?
- ☐ Yes
 - ☐ No (skip to question 21)
17. Do you wash your vehicle at home, or do you take it to a car wash?
- ☐ At home
 - ☐ Other, someone else washes it, or some other scenario
 - ☐ Take to a car wash



18. When you wash your vehicle at home, does the soapy water flow into the grass, or onto the street?
- ☐ Into the grass, dirt or gravel
 - ☐ Into the street or driveway
 - ☐ Varies, sometimes one, sometimes another
19. Do you change the oil in your vehicle at home?
- ☐ Yes
 - ☐ No (skip to question 21)
20. When you change your oil at home, how do you dispose of the used oil? Do you dispose of it....
- ☐ In a designated lawn area
 - ☐ With other garbage (dumpster, placed in trash bags with other trash, etc.)
 - ☐ Pour it down a storm drain
 - ☐ Take it somewhere it can be recycled (recycle center, Jiffy Lube, gas station)
 - ☐ Other
21. Do you walk your pet?
- ☐ Yes
 - ☐ No
 - ☐ No Pets (skip to question 23)
22. How often do you pick up their pet waste? Would you say..
- ☐ Always
 - ☐ Often
 - ☐ Sometimes
 - ☐ Rarely
 - ☐ Never
23. Storm water is all the water that collects on streets and parking lots after a rain storm and then runs into storm drains in the Town of Veazie. If you had to pick one of the following options for where storm water runoff goes once it enters a storm drain, would it be that it goes to....
- ☐ The Town's regular sewer treatment plant
 - ☐ A separate special stormwater treatment plant
 - ☐ Nearby fields and yards
 - ☐ Penobscot River or its tributaries
 - ☐ Drainage pond
 - ☐ Almost all of the water soaks into the ground and does not leave the property
 - ☐ I don't know where the rain water goes
24. Which of these categories best describes your age? Are you....
- ☐ 17-29
 - ☐ 30-42
 - ☐ 43-55
 - ☐ 56-68
 - ☐ Over 68



STORMWATER 101

VEAZIE TOWN COUNCIL AND PLANNING BOARD

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STORMWATER 101

Section 1 Veazie PY3 Updates

June 2016

MDEP/MS4 Stormwater Program

Veazie is a regulated MS4 Community

The Current MS4 Permit Expires on June 30th, 2018

Permit Year three ends on June 30th, 2016

Each community must designate a priority watershed within their urbanized area (see **attachment 1**), where they will focus their efforts, The Town of Veazie has designated the watershed area southwest of the Chase Road that drains to Meadow Brook. Meadow Brook has been identified by MDEP as an impaired water body draining to the Penjajawoc Stream.

Each MS4 Community is also required to create and implement a MS4 Stormwater Management Plan (SMP), which must address each of six Minimum Control Measures (MCMs) (see **section 2**).

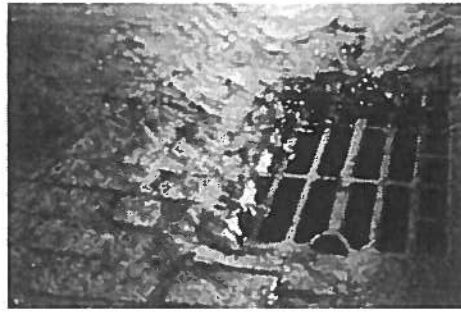


EPA/MDEP MS4 Program Update

In recent years MDEP has ramped up their oversight and implementation of the MS4 Program to a "New Normal" which requires significantly more effort from regulated communities in order to maintain compliance with the MS4 permit.

The EPA has recently issued (April 2016) a new MS4 Permit for MA, which will be used as a basis for MDEP in writing the next Maine MS4 permit. This permit will tentatively be issued on July 1, 2018.

Based on discussions with MDEP stormwater program staff, Maine's new five year general permit will have a much greater emphasis on Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (MCM III), as well as Construction Site Runoff Control (MCM IV). MDEP has stated that the MS4 permit is iterative and each subsequent permit will build on previous permit requirements.



MDEP is currently requesting initial comments from all regulated MS4 communities during the next year as they prepare a draft of the next MS4 Permit that runs from 2018-2023. We have been told that an engaged stakeholder process that has been integral to past permit development will not be allowed by MDEP for this next permit. The licensing staff will only allow public comment during the official 30 day period following the issuance of the draft permit.

Stormwater Management Team

The Town continues to rely on an active stormwater team for the implementation of its' SMP. Team members include:

Town Manager/Stormwater Coordinator: Mark Leonard

Public Works: Private Contractor, Lou Silver Construction Co.

Grounds Maintenance: Private Contractor, Bangor Lawn & Landscape

Code Enforcement Officer: John Larsen

Public Safety: Mark Leonard

Environmental Consultant: Stillwater Environmental Engineering



SEE

Section 2 Minimum Control Measures

Town Specific

In addition to activities identified in Veazie's SMP, Town staff and its consultant continue to be active in regional compliance activities, as a member of the Bangor Area Stormwater Group (BASWG). The following is a summary of compliance activities for each minimum control measure that have occurred during the current permit year, ending June 30, 2016.

MCM 1 Public Education and Outreach

Municipal Outreach Plan

The BASWG assists the Town with meeting the requirements of MCM1. Current group activities include improved branding and messaging for permit compliance.

Additional education and outreach efforts include:

- Stormwater Awareness Plan (Statewide)
- Stormwater Behavior Change Plan (Regional)
 - Lawn and Garden Care
- Municipal Outreach Plan (Town-specific)
- Targeted BMP Adoption Plan (Regional)
 - Chloride Reduction





MCM 2 Public Involvement and Participation

Veazie participated in the following public events during the past permit year:

Bangor Garden Show – Town staff participated in the Bangor Garden Show in April of 2016, operating an education booth, which informs the public about stormwater pollution issues, specifically related to lawn and garden care. This will continue in subsequent permit years.

Annual Stream Cleanup – A stream cleanup was conducted in May of 2016 at the Veazie School and around the Veazie Salmon club. There were four volunteers from the community. They collected four bags of trash.

Storm Drain Stenciling – The Town conducted a stenciling event on 10/30/15, where two volunteers, stenciled storm drains in the Sunset Ave neighborhood, off of Chase Rd. Approximately 15 storm drains were stenciled, and door hangers with recommended lawn and garden practices were distributed.





**MCM 3 Illicit Discharge
Detection and
Elimination**

Annual Storm Sewer System Inspections (May 2016)

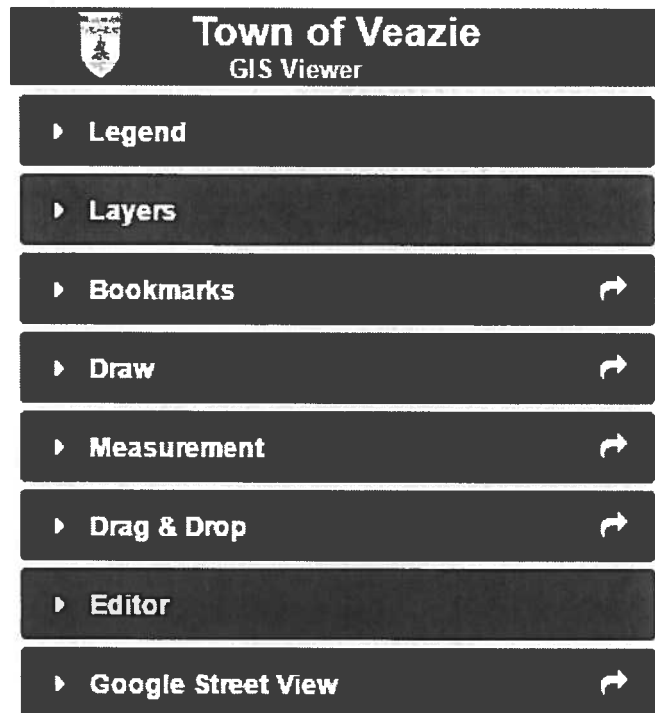
- 284 Catch Basins Inspected
- 58 Open Ditches Inspected
- 36 Outfalls Inspected

Storm Sewer System Map

Storm sewer mapping updates are currently in progress using mobile data collectors. The Town continues to improve infrastructure maps using GIS, as required by the MS4 permit.

Electronic Data Management

The Town maintains all inspection results in their electronic data management system.



**MCM 4 Construction
Site Stormwater
Runoff Control**

BMP Inspection and Maintenance

There were no construction projects greater than one acre in size within the Town's urbanized area that met the requirements of MCM 4 during PY3.



MCM 5 Post-Construction Stormwater Management

Post-Construction Discharge Ordinance

There are currently no post-construction BMPs within the Town's Urbanized area that meet the requirements of MCM 5.

MCM 6 Pollution Prevention/Good Housekeeping for Municipal Operations

Annual Trainings

SEE provided required annual O&M trainings for Town staff and contractors in June of 2016.

Annual Cleaning Program Development and Implementation

Street Sweeping is performed annually, as soon as possible after snow melt and as needed thereafter.

Catch Basin Cleaning Program

Catch Basins are cleaned annually, during the summer, following annual catch basin inspections. This effort is expected to be significantly reduced in subsequent permit years, due to the Town's recently adopted Chloride Reduction Plan, that plan is part of the Town's winter maintenance strategy, in order to meet permit requirements.

Repair and Upgrade Schedule Implementation

Contracted public works staff continue to repair the highest priority stormwater infrastructure, based on the results of completed annual inspections.



Pollution Prevention and Good Housekeeping BMPs:

The Town has developed and implemented an Operation and Maintenance Plan



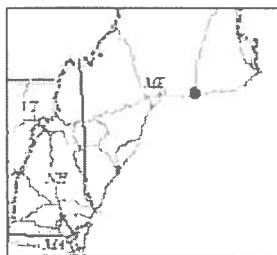
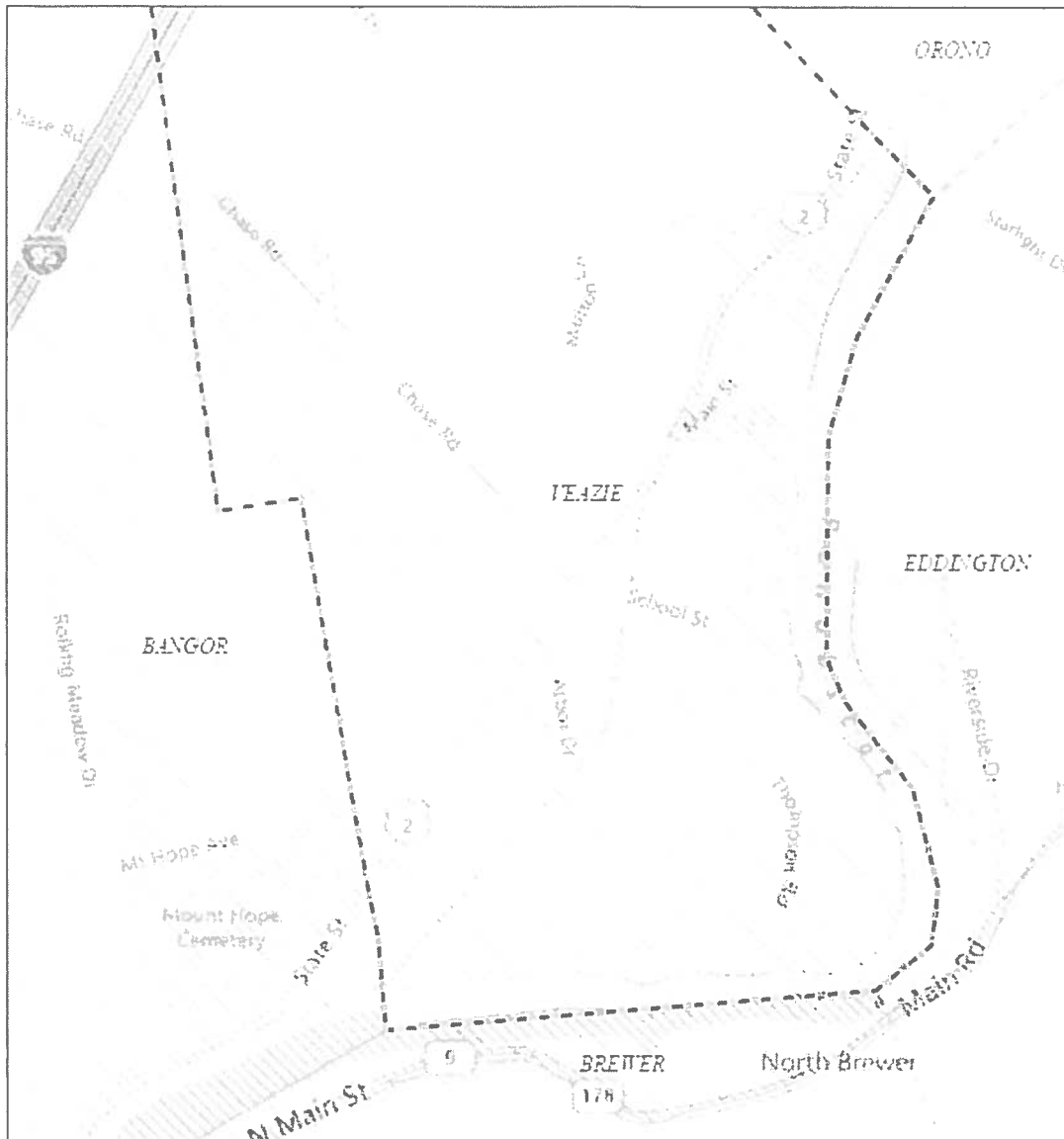
(O & M) for all municipal facilities and activities that have the potential to impact stormwater runoff. The following list includes a sample of O&M topics included in the plan:

- Alternative Products
- Automobile Maintenance
- Hazmat Storage
- Parking Lot and Street Cleaning
- Storm Drain System Cleaning
- Spill Response and Prevention
- Vehicle Washing





ATTACHMENT 1 VEAZIE URBANIZED AREA MAP



NPDES Phase II Stormwater Program
Automatically Designated MS4 Areas

Veazie ME

Regulated Area (2000 + 2010 Urbanized Area)



Town Population 1919
Regulated Population 1263
Populations estimated from 2010 Census



Urbanized Area: Town Boundaries
US Census 2000, 2010
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