



**Veazie Town Council**

**Regular Meeting**

**November 14th, 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 October 24th Regular Council Meeting Minutes
- ITEM 6:** Comments from the Public

**New Business:**

- ITEM 7:** Assistant Code Enforcement Officer Appointment
- ITEM 8:** MRC Board of Directors Election
- ITEM 9:** Discussion on Moratorium on retail sale of marijuana

**Old Business:**

- ITEM 10:** Executive Session – 1 MRSA 405 (6) (A) – Personnel Matter
- ITEM 11:** Manager's Report
- ITEM 12:** Comments from the Public
- ITEM 13:** Requests for information and Town Council Comments
- ITEM 14:** Review & Sign of AP Town Warrant #9 and Town Payroll #9 & #10, School Payroll Warrant #10 and AP School Warrant #10.
- ITEM 15:** 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 November 14, 2016

### Council Meeting

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

ITEM 7: The Town's new consultant for updating the Town's Comprehensive Plan is also a Code Enforcement officer in another community. He has agreed to be an Assistant Code Enforcement Officer for the Town of Veazie as well. He would only perform these duties while he is in the Office on Thursdays.

**Suggested Motion: I motion we appoint Dean Bennett to the position of Assistant Code Enforcement Officer for the Town of Veazie until June 30, 2017.**

ITEM 8: Municipal Review Committee (MRC) is requesting that we cast one (1) single vote for three (3) Directors to serve on the MRC Board of Directors for three (3) year terms beginning January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2018. Candidate Bios are included for review. Two of the candidates sent separate letters which are also included. Additionally, Tony Smith both email and had a face to face meeting with Manager Leonard

**Suggested Motion: I motion the Town of Veazie cast our vote for \*see ballot for names\* for the position of Director on the MRC Board of Directors.**

ITEM 9: With the recent citizen initiative on the State of Maine Ballot concerning legalizing 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 regulations, taxation and local ordinance, the Town Council will discuss adopting an EMERGENCY moratorium ordinance on Retail Establishments and Retail Marijuana Social Clubs. A draft ordinance has been provided for review.

**Suggested Motion: I motion that we accept the emergency moratorium ordinance on Retail Establishments and Retail Marijuana Social Clubs as presented.**

ITEM 10: The Council will go into executive session per 1 MRSA 405 (6) (A) to discuss a personnel matter.

**Suggested Motion: I motion we enter into executive session per 1 MRSA 405 (6) (A) to discuss a personnel issue**

**(\*to come out of executive session) Suggested Motion: I motion we come out of executive session**

Veazie Town Council Meeting  
October 24th, 2016

**Members Present:** Councilor Chris Bagley, Councilor David King, Councilor Paul Messer, Councilor Michael Reid, Manager Mark Leonard, Secretary Julie Strout, Town Attorney Roger Huber, Assessor Ben Birch, School Principal Cyr, Water District members Joan Perkins and Ken Borneman and various members of the public.

**ITEM 1: Call to order**

Manager Leonard called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

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

Chairman Perry was absent and excused.

**ITEM 3: Pledge of Allegiance**

**ITEM 4: Consideration of the Agenda**

Need to add an Executive Session 1 MRSA 405 (6)(E) Consultations with legal counsel as 7B and add 7A to elect a chair for the meeting.

**ITEM 5: Approval of the September 26th, 2016 Regular Council Meeting Minutes**

Councilor David King made a motion, seconded by Councilor Paul Messer to approve the September 26th, 2016 Regular Council Meeting Minutes as written. Voted 4-0-0. Motion carried.

**ITEM 6: Comments from the public**

Andy Brown updated the Council on the successful trail day and mentioned that there will be a follow up work day on Sunday, Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>. Representative Peter Lyford and Representative Teresa Montague spoke.

**New Business:**

**ITEM 7a: Election of Chair**

Councilor David King made a motion, seconded by Councilor Paul Messer that we nominate Councilor Chris Bagley for Chair at tonight's meeting. Voted 3-0-1. Motion carried. Councilor Bagley abstained.

**ITEM 7b: Executive Session 1 MRSA 405 (6)(E) Consultations with legal counsel**

Councilor David King made a motion, seconded by Councilor Paul Messer to enter into Executive Session 1 MRSA 405(6)(E) Consultation with legal Counsel at 6:39pm. Voted 4-0-0. Motion carried.

Councilor David King made a motion, seconded by Councilor Paul Messer to exit Executive Session 1 MRSA 405(6)(E) at 7:20pm. Voted 4-0-0. Motion carried.

**ITEM 7c: Cemetery Committee Appointment**

Councilor David King made a motion, seconded by Councilor Michael Reid to appoint Michael Monroe to the Cemetery Committee for the term of 3 years Voted 4-0-0. Motion carried.

**ITEM 8: Assessor Update**

Assessor Ben Birch reviewed the FY 2016 Tax Commitment report, proposed 2017 State Valuation memo and sales data collection review with the Council. There was also a letter reviewed in response to an abatement request for previous years by a resident.

**ITEM 9: Principal Cyr Update**

Principal Cyr reviewed his reports with the Council.

**ITEM 10: Water District Update**

Joan Perkins updated the Council on current events at the Water District.

**ITEM 11: Draft Budget Schedule**

The Council agreed to have Manager Leonard finalize the Budget Schedule for FY 16/17.

**Old Business**

**ITEM 12: Goals and Objective Review**

Manager Leonard reviewed the Goals and Objectives with the Council. The Council would like to have a representative from the Sewer District at an upcoming meeting.

**ITEM 13: First Quarter Municipal Review Update**

There was a question that was asked by the Council at the last meeting in regards to the professional fees account. Manager Leonard explained that the reason this account was 41% expended was due to onetime payments for audit fees, maintenance agreement, processing fees and TRIO licensing fees.

**ITEM 14: Manager's Report**

Manager Leonard reviewed his report with the Councilor's.

**ITEM 15: Comments from the Public**

There was a question about painting lines on Chase Rd. Manager Leonard stated that Chase Rd and Main St. will get done.

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

Councilor Bagley wanted the Council to carefully review the Property Maintenance Ordinance and provide feedback and be ready for public comments.

**ITEM 17: Review & sign of AP Town Warrant #7 & #8, and Town Payroll #7 & #8, School Payroll Warrant #8 & #9, AP School Warrant, #8 & #9.**

The warrants were circulated and signed.

**ITEM 18: Adjournment**

Councilor David King motioned to adjourn

Councilor Paul Messer seconded. No discussion. Voted 4-0-0. Motion carried.

Adjourned at 8:25pm

A True Copy Attest

Julie Strout, Deputy Clerk

ITEM # 7

Expires:

(OATH OF TOWN OFFICER)

TOWN OF VEAZIE

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STATE OF MAINE



I, **Dean Bennett**, do swear or affirm that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and of this State, so long as I shall continue as a citizen thereof. SO HELP ME GOD (CONST. ME., ART. IX, Sec. 1)

I, **Dean Bennett**, do swear or affirm that I will support the Veazie Town Charter and the Ordinances of the Town of Veazie, as long as I shall continue as an officer thereof.

I, **Dean Bennett**, do swear or affirm that I will faithfully discharge, to the best of my abilities, the duties incumbent on me as an **Assistant Code Enforcement Officer** for the Town of Veazie according to the Constitution and laws of the State of Maine and ordinances of the Town of Veazie.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Dean Bennett

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Veazie, Maine**

**Date**

Subscribed and sworn to

Before me, \_\_\_\_\_  
Julie Strout, Deputy Clerk



ITEM # 8

To: MRC Membership  
From: Greg Louder, MRC Clerk  
Date: October 27, 2016  
**RE: MRC Board of Directors Election Ballot**

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Please find enclosed a MRC Board of Directors election ballot. Ballots cast in this election will determine the election of three (3) Directors to serve on the MRC Board of Directors for three-year terms from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2018. The candidate receiving the fourth highest number of votes will be elected to fill a vacancy from January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2018.

Biographical descriptions of the candidates, as provided by the candidates, are also enclosed for your information.

Ballots must be returned to MRC before 5:00 pm, December 13, 2016. A self-addressed, stamped envelope is enclosed for your convenience.

The election results will be read at the MRC Annual Meeting held at 3:00 P.M. in the afternoon on December 14, 2016 at the Cross Insurance Center, 515 Main Street in Bangor.

**Note: Vote must be cast for one candidate only.**

Please contact Greg Louder at 664-1700 or 866-254-3507 with any questions.

# Voting Ballot

- ♦ To fill three positions for a three year term from January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2019  
(3 highest vote totals)
- ♦ To fill a vacancy from January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2018  
(Fourth highest vote total)

The Charter Municipality of \_\_\_\_\_ casts its vote for the following individual to serve on the Municipal Review Committee Board of Directors for the above stated term.

**Note: Candidates are listed alphabetically. Biographies provided by each candidate are attached.**

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## **VOTE FOR ONE INDIVIDUAL ONLY**

**→ More than one checked box will invalidate the ballot ←**

- ☐ Irene L. Belanger – China
- ☐ Gary Bowman - Oakland
- ☐ Jim Guerra – Hope
- ☐ Wayne Kraeger – Stockton Springs
- ☐ Vaughn Leach – Blue Hill
- ☐ Susan Lessard – Bucksport
- ☐ Chip Reeves – Bar Harbor
- ☐ Tony Smith – Mount Desert

**Please return this ballot no later than 5:00 p.m., DECEMBER 13, 2016 to:**

Municipal Review Committee, Inc.  
395 State Street  
Ellsworth, Maine 04605  
Or

FAX: (207) 667-2099 EMAIL ATTACHMENT: [glounder@mrcline.org](mailto:glounder@mrcline.org)

**RESULTS OF THIS ELECTION WILL BE READ AT THE MRC ANNUAL MEETING  
TO BE HELD DECEMBER 14, 2016**



## MUNICIPAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

### 2017 ELECTION NOMINATION BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

**Irene L. Belanger** – Town of China Select Board member, past chairperson Kennebec Valley Council of Governments- Board President

Maine Resource Recovery Association

China Transfer Station Coordinator and Recycling Planner

Past Planning Board Member and Chairperson

RSU #18 Alumni Award

Town Report Dedication

Community Organizer- China Community Days Chair.

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**Gary Bowman**- Degree Forestry UMaine

10 years- Management – Mill River Lumber – Vt./Rutland

10 years – Self Employed – Grocery Store – Fairfield, ME

15 years- Police Officer – Oakland, ME

2 years – Current Town Manager – Oakland, ME

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**Jim Guerra** - Jim Guerra has been working in solid waste management for thirty years and particularly at the municipal level since the early 90's. With public and private experience in most aspects of solid waste management he brings solid "nuts and bolts" experience to the MRC Board. He is just finishing his first three year term with the MRC and currently serves as Vice President. He is very interested in seeing the Fiberight project to fruition while, at the same time, advocating for the rights of departing members from the MRC. Jim currently works at Mid Coast Solid Waste in Rockport (a departing member) which includes an MSW transfer facility as well as a remediation site operated as a CDD landfill under a Consent Agreement with the State. Jim recently completed five years on the Maine Resource Recovery Association's Board of Directors and loves to fish and hunt wild mushrooms around his home in Hope.

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**Wayne Kraeger** - Organic farmer for many years. Member of MOFGA from 1999 to 2008. Current member of Recycling Committee in Stockton Springs. Former Selectman in Stockton Springs 2012 – 2015. Member of former Budget Committee in Stockton Springs.

**Vaughn Leach** – Several 3 year terms on Blue Hill Planning Board. 1 term as chairman, 2 terms on Appeals board and 1 term as chairman – started my own business in 1977 – Blue Hill Disposal- Sold in 2014. Started new business of BHD Containers. Total of 39 years managing my own solid waste and demolition disposal companies. 54-year resident of Blue Hill on my second term as Blue Hill Selectman.

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**Susan Lessard** – Town Manager Bucksport 4/1/16 – present (interim 8/26/15 – /31/2016)

Town Manager Hampden 12/11/2000 – 6/30/2015.

Town manager Vinalhaven 11/1998-10/2000.

President Maine Municipal Association 2002. Former MRC Board Member.

Member Board of Environmental Protection/ 2007 – 2015. Chair BEP 2008 – 2011.

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**Chip Reeves** – Chip Reeves has lived in Bar Harbor for most of his life, graduating from the University of Maine with a BS in Construction Management. Mr. Reeves has been the Public Works Director for the Town of Bar Harbor since 1997, where part of his duties include managing the Solid Waste Division. As Public Works Director, he has been dedicated to managing the Town of Bar Harbor's waste stream in order to reduce costs while still maintaining quality service levels that local taxpayers expect. Chip has been on the board for the past six years, the past four years as its president. He continues to find the decision making process of the MRC Board of Directors regarding the implementation of the post 2018 solution an interestingly huge challenge.

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**Tony Smith** – I was elected to my first term on the Board in 2012 to serve from 2013-2015. I was not fortunate enough to be re-elected in 2015 but remained active serving the Board on a limited basis. Early in 2016, a recently elected director resigned and I was appointed to the Board to fill a vacancy for the remainder of the year. Recognizing that our current MSW handling and disposal process was behind the times environmentally, was antiquated, would prove to be very expensive post-2018, the Board initiated a process in 2012 to identify a post-2018 alternative to it. An alternative was identified and is well on its way to becoming a reality in Hampden. The process between alternative identification and today was very long and challenging one and is the result of a lot of hard work by the Board members. I greatly appreciate the Board and their efforts and hope to continue working with them to see the project through to its implementation and to continue "Ensuring affordable, long term, environmentally sound disposal of MSW". My brief history follows:

Public Works Director for the Town of Mount Desert since 2001; equipment and staff management responsibilities include curbside MSW collection with town-owned packer trucks and town staff: recycling center: annual one-week bulky waste collection.

Chairman of the Acadia Disposal District, an independent quasi-municipal, tax-exempt solid waste corporation comprised of five towns; provides services related to the efficient and lawful management, disposal, and recycling of MSW on behalf of its member towns including an annual hazardous and universal waste collection event and contract negotiations with an area transfer station in Southwest Harbor and agreement negotiations with the City of Ellsworth for recycling.

BS degrees in Biology and Chemistry, Mount Allison University, 1979 and Civil Engineering, UMaine, 1986.

Consulting Engineer for 15 years with 12 of those years with CES, Inc., experience in solid waste management including landfill closures and transfer station and recycling center siting, design and construction.

Resident of the Town of Mount Desert; enjoy reading, walking and hunting and fishing as a reason to get to the woods.

Member of the Episcopal Church's Buildings and Grounds Committee, Somesville Library Association, Town Revitalization Committee and Mount Desert Volunteer Fire Department.



## ***Town of Mount Desert***

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## **MEMO**

To: MRC, Inc.  
Re: Nomination Form - Biography

From: Tony Smith, Public Works Director  
Date: September 16, 2016

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# TOWN OF CHINA

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October 24, 2016

Mark Leonard  
1084 Main Street  
Veazie, ME 04401-7091

Dear Mark,

The current slate of nominees for the 2016 Annual Election of Directors to the MRC Board of Directors will be sent to you soon. My name is Irene Belanger and I would like to represent you on the MRC Board of Directors. I believe I have the attributes that will best represent you efficiently and effectively over the long term.

A great deal of history and experiences prepare me for the Board position. In general it seems to me important to point out that I am on the Select Board in China and am gratified to note that China is in great financial condition and is one of very few municipalities experiencing a reduction in the mil rate this year. I am mindful of the handling of taxpayers funds while understanding municipal assets need to be maintained. These same qualities, if I am elected to the Board of the MRC, will serve us all well over final P.E.R.C. involvement and over the term of the contract with Fiberight.

In particular, here are a few Boards and committees I currently serve on representing China or other groups of municipalities.

- China representative to the Kennebec Regional Development Authority, FirstPark;
- President of the Board of Directors of the Kennebec Valley Council of Governments;
- Board of Directors of the Municipal Resource Recovery Corporation;
- Member and past Chair of the China Select Board;
- China Transfer Station Committee, the Committee that currently proposed significant ordinance changes for the November ballot to accommodate the current and post 2018 market realities; and
- Tax Increment Financing Committee, successful in an application to the Department of Economic and Community Development creating a development authority to use tax proceeds derived from a tax increment financing district.

A couple of recent examples of my stewardship might allow you to know what you can expect if I am elected to the MRC Board. First, though it might have been possible in other municipalities, the China transfer station budget this year is lower than the transfer station budget was ten years ago. Our efforts at planning, employee training, and anticipation of the changes in the market have been successful. Our transfer station has received awards presented by the Municipal Resource Recovery Corporation. We have done efficiency studies of our personnel and specific practices in the processing of MSW and recyclables. Second, I was part of a small collaborative group that successfully negotiated with a neighboring town to share the services of the China transfer station, thereby reducing the unit costs of operations and capital replacement for years going forward.

Further, I have attended the MRC meetings leading up to the agreements with Fiberight and resulting signings to the Municipal Joinder Agreements. It has been an interesting and learning process and I feel comfortable that I understand the obligations of that agreement and will be able to contribute to the efficient operations of Fiberight and carry out the fiduciary responsibilities of a Board member to represent municipalities.

I am happy to respond to any questions you might have of me and welcome your comments.

With kind regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Irene L. Belanger".

Irene L. Belanger  
Select Board  
Town of China

Ordinance, Enacting an **EMERGENCY** Moratorium Ordinance on Retail Marijuana Establishments and Retail Marijuana Social Clubs

**WHEREAS**, a ballot initiative to legalize, regulate and tax marijuana for non-medicinal purposes known as the Marijuana Legalization Act (the "Act"), proposed to be codified in the Maine Revised Statutes in Title 7, chapter 417, was approved by the voters in a Statewide referendum election held on November 8, 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, the Act authorizes municipalities to regulate within their geographical limits the number of retail marijuana stores and the location and operation of retail marijuana social clubs and retail marijuana establishments, including retail marijuana stores, retail marijuana cultivation facilities, retail marijuana products manufacturing facilities and retail marijuana testing facilities, as those terms are defined in the Act, as well as the option to prohibit the operation of retail marijuana social clubs and retail marijuana establishments, including stores, cultivation facilities, manufacturing facilities and testing facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town, under its Home Rule Authority, its police power, and under 30-A M.R.S.A, Chapter 187, Subchapter 3, as provided by the Act, or as otherwise provided by current law, has the authority to impose reasonable restrictions, conditions, and limitations on such retail marijuana establishments and social clubs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town's current Land Use Ordinance and other Codes and Ordinances are not adequate to prevent serious public harm that could be caused by the development of retail marijuana establishments and social clubs and other uses authorized by the Act, thereby necessitating a moratorium; and

**WHEREAS**, a moratorium is necessary to prevent an overburdening of public facilities that is reasonably foreseeable as a result of retail marijuana establishments and social clubs and other uses authorized by the Act being located in the Town of Veazie; and

**WHEREAS**, it is anticipated that it will take at least one hundred and eighty (180) days from the date the Town Council enacts this Moratorium Ordinance on Retail Marijuana Establishments and Retail Marijuana Social Clubs to study, review, and develop recommended Ordinance changes; and

**WHEREAS**, the increased use of marijuana in social clubs in Veazie creates the potential for additional burden on the Town of Veazie's public facilities, especially the Town's public health and public safety resources; and

**WHEREAS**, the facts set forth above create an emergency within the Charter, Codes and Ordinances of the Town of Veazie and require that this Moratorium Ordinance becomes effective immediately upon its approval to protect life, health, property and the public peace.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE TOWN OF VEAZIE HEREBY ORDAINS THAT THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE ENACTING A MORATORIUM ON RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS AND RETAIL MARIJUANA SOCIAL CLUBS BE ENACTED:**

**§ 1. Applicability.**

(A) This Moratorium Ordinance shall apply to retail marijuana social clubs and retail marijuana establishments, including retail marijuana stores, retail marijuana cultivation facilities, retail marijuana products manufacturing facilities and retail marijuana testing facilities, as those terms are defined in the Act, that may be proposed to be located within the Town of Veazie on or after November 14, 2016, the applicability date of this Moratorium Ordinance.

(B) Notwithstanding the provisions of 1 M.R.S. § 302 or any other law to the contrary, this Moratorium Ordinance, when enacted, shall govern any proposed retail marijuana establishments or social clubs for which an application for a building permit, Certificate of Occupancy, site plan or any other required approval has not been submitted to and granted final approval by the Code Enforcement Officer, Planning Board or other Town officials or boards prior to November 14, 2016, the applicability date of this Moratorium Ordinance.

(C) This Moratorium Ordinance shall not apply to any existing medical marijuana dispensaries or medical marijuana cultivation facilities in the Town of Veazie, as defined under the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act (22 M.R.S. §§ 2421-2430-B).

## § 2. Moratorium.

(A) No person or organization shall develop or operate a retail marijuana establishment or social club within the Town of Veazie on or after the November 14, 2016 applicability date of this Moratorium Ordinance without complying with whatever Ordinance amendment or amendments the Town Council may enact as a result of this Moratorium Ordinance.

(B) No officer, official, employee, office, administrative board or agency of the Town shall accept, process, approve, deny, or in any other way act upon any application for a license, building permit, Certificate of Occupancy, special exception review, site plan review and/or any other permits or licenses related to a retail marijuana establishment, or retail marijuana social club.

## § 3. Term.

This Moratorium Ordinance shall take effect, once enacted by the Town Council, in accordance with the provisions of the Town of Veazie Code, but shall be applicable as of November 14, 2016, as expressly provided herein. The moratorium shall remain in effect for one hundred and eighty (180) days from the date of applicability of this Moratorium Ordinance, unless extended, repealed, or modified by the Town Council, for the express purpose of drafting an amendment or amendments to the Town's current Land Use Ordinance and other applicable Codes and Ordinances to protect the public from health and safety risks including, but not limited to, compatibility of retail marijuana establishments and social clubs with existing and permitted uses in residential, commercial and other zoning districts; the correlation of retail marijuana establishments and social clubs with medical marijuana cultivation facilities and dispensaries; the potential adverse health and safety effects of retail marijuana establishments and social clubs on the community if not properly regulated; the possibility of illicit sale and use of marijuana and marijuana products to minors and misuse of marijuana and marijuana products by those who would abuse the uses authorized under the new law; criminal activity associated with the cultivation, manufacturing, sale and use of marijuana and marijuana products for non-medicinal purpose and the potential increased burden on the public safety agencies serving the Town in responding to the same; and the adequacy of the Town's streets and infrastructure to accommodate the additional traffic and/or population that may result from the presence of retail marijuana establishments or social clubs.

## § 4. Enforcement.

Any violation of this Moratorium Ordinance shall be a civil infraction subject to a fine of not less than \$250 nor more than \$1,000. Each day a continuing violation shall continue constitutes a separate violation of this Ordinance, and the Town shall be entitled to all rights available to it in law and equity, including, but not limited to, fines and penalties, injunctive relief, and its reasonable attorney's fees and costs in prosecuting any such violation.



§ 5. Conflict with Existing Codes and Ordinances.

Any provision of the Town of Veazie Land Use Ordinance or any applicable Codes or Ordinances that are inconsistent or conflicting with the provisions of this Moratorium Ordinance, are hereby repealed to the extent that they are applicable for the duration of the moratorium hereby ordained, and as it may be extended as permitted by law, but not otherwise.

§ 6. Severability.

Should any section or provision of this Ordinance be declared by any court to be invalid, such a decision shall not invalidate any other section or provision.

Applicability Date: November 14, 2016, pursuant to its emergency preamble.



# **Manager's Report For November 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.

I participated in the cleanup of the Davis Trails. We completed a lot of work and it was well attended. The next cleanup day is scheduled for November 6.

I was notified of a tree that had fallen across Mutton Lane and it the road was impassable. With the help of the Fire Department we were able to clear the roadway.

Principal Cyr has completed updates from the first version of the School's Crisis Plan. I have begun reviewing the Plan and hopefully this will finalize the Plan for presentation.

The Property Maintenance Ordinance has been before the Planning Board several times and also through the Public Hearing Process. All suggestions/comments have been added sent to the Town's Attorney for final review.

The updated road maintenance software has been ordered. It is not able to be activated until it has been paid for, but this package offers several upgrades from the previous service and will continue to help us as we move into next year's paving projects.

The first order of salt for the winter season has been ordered and delivered. Four (4) truckloads were delivered and stockpiled in the salt shed until needed. There was only a small amount left over from what was ordered for last winter.

I contacted the Orono Land Trust and scheduled them for a presentation to the Council on December 12<sup>th</sup>.

I requested the Sewer District schedule a meeting with the Council. The Chair of the Board has put the request on the Board's next agenda to be discussed.

I also contacted the Water District and the Sewer District to schedule a meeting to discuss next year's capital paving projects. Davis Drive, Sunset and Wedgewood are in dire need of work. I am told they need to be rebuilt and I want to give both districts a chance to discuss if they would like to do work on these streets at the same time.

I met with Kristin Withers who is the Project Coordinator and Forensic Interviewer for the Child Advocacy Center (CAC). The reason for the meeting was to review and ultimately sign an MOU between the Veazie Police Department and the CAC. This project is new to this area but has been used in other Counties around the State of Maine and is very beneficial during child abuse investigations.

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

I contacted and spoke to a resident that had filed a request for tax adjustment for 2013, 2014 and 2015. It was explained that by State Statute we are unable to act on the request. They were understanding and was grateful for the time we spent on the request. A letter was sent that had been prepared by Assessor Birch and presented to the Council.

I attended a meeting with local Chiefs and the District Attorney's Office to discuss the case load of the District Attorney's Office and the cases we are sending to them. It was decided that we as a group, would prepare a letter to send to the appropriation committee and request additional Assistant District Attorneys.

I attended Veazie resident Barbara Wilson's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday party which was held at the Veazie Church. The event was very well attended.

The line painting has been completed and I have received comments on how well it was done.

The Fire Department created a haunted house for Halloween which was very well attended. I would like to thank all the members that put in a lot of time to make this event successful. They are already talking about how to make it better for next year.

I attended an advisory dinner and meeting at the United Technology Center. The dinner was for appreciation for being an advisor and the meeting was to meet one on one with the instructor. Several local law enforcement leaders meet with Kyle Smart who is the new lead instructor for the Law Enforcement Program.

I attended the Voluntary Protection Program (VPP) recognition ceremony that was held at Casco Bay Energy. This recognition was received after 3 years of hard work by the leadership and employees of Casco Bay. Very few businesses in industry are able to achieve this accomplishment.

I have spoken with Manager Wilson as a follow up to a previous meeting we had concerning the ambulance contract. She sent a letter, which is included as an attachment, and is requesting to meet to talk about re-negotiating the current contract. We are in hopes to keep our service with Orono as they have done an exceptional job and we work well together. I had an initial meeting with Manager Wilson and Chief St. Louis and they will be provide more definitive numbers for us to look at as we continue to work toward a solution.

Although I was unable to attend, the Economic Development Committee conducted another luncheon for area businesses. The presenter at the luncheon was Dean Bennett who was recently hired by the Town to update the Comprehensive Plan. Bennett has many years of economic development experience which he discussed with the group.

Because numerous trees around town still had a large amount of leaves still on them, I worked with Barney Silver to choose a new date for the leaf and brush collection. The date was changed to November 19<sup>th</sup>.

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

We have tried to make everyone aware as best as we could by posting it on our website, Facebook page and notices at the office.

A/C Metcalf, FF Drew and I installed a TV in the Council Chambers that was purchased using homeland security money. This will be used for training and presentations during meetings. It can also be used if the need ever arouse to open the council chambers as an emergency operations center.

Voting turnout was very heavy as we expected it would be. We had over 300 people absentee vote prior to Election Day. Staff is to be commended for the way they completed this election process both leading up to it and the day of it.

I have met with the Town Forester regarding a job description/ contract. I will continue discussions with him in hopes to present something for the Council to discuss at the December meeting.

I attended the Veteran's Service that was put on at the Veazie Community School. The event was well attended. Members from the Police and Fire Department presented the America Flag for the assembly. They did a great job as well.

## Attachments:

1. Memorandum from MRC
2. Email reference meeting on clean energy policy
3. Citizen comment card
4. Letter form Town of Orono Concerning Ambulance Service
5. Agenda for the November 7th School Board meeting
6. Agenda for the November 10th BASWG Meeting
7. Orono Land Trust newsletter
8. Bangor Daily News Article on Stone Sparrow Café
9. MRC Newsletter



## MEMORANDUM

TO: MRC Membership  
FROM: Greg Louder  
DATE: October 19, 2016  
RE: **Regular Meeting of MRC Board of Directors – October 26, 2016**

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### Upcoming Meeting

Please find enclosed an agenda for the upcoming meeting of the MRC Board of Directors to be held in Hampden, Maine at the Hampden Town Office located at 106 Western Avenue on October 26, 2016 starting at **10:30 a.m.** The meeting will be held in the Public Safety Training Room, which is in the rear portion of the Hampden Town Office facility.

### Groundbreaking Ceremony

The MRC will also be hosting a groundbreaking ceremony at the Fiberight facility site on Wednesday, October 26 directly across the street from HO Bouchard on 349 Coldbrook Road in Hampden at 9:30 a.m. Coldbrook Road is easiest accessed via Exit 180 of I-95. Traveling from the north, turn left from the off-ramp and head about 6/10ths of 1 mile. Traveling from the south, turn right from the off-ramp and head about 4/10ths of 1 mile. Directional parking signs will be provided. Member communities and the public are welcome to attend the groundbreaking event to celebrate the initiation of the development of the new Fiberight MSW processing and recycling facility! To assist in our preparation, please contact Greg Louder at 866-254-3507 or 664-1700 if you plan to attend.

### What's New

The MRC Board is pleased to have reached an agreement with PERC's general partner USA Energy regarding the settlement of pending litigation and a wind up of the existing PERC Partnership on March 31, 2018. MRC has also arranged for commencement of construction for the roadway and infrastructure that will serve the new MRC/Fiberight processing facility in Hampden. More information about these developments is provided in the attached Newsletter.





**PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA - PLEASE POST**  
**MUNICIPAL REVIEW COMMITTEE, INC. (MRC)**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**Town of Hampden, Public Safety Training Room, 106 Western Ave. Hampden, Maine**

**October 26, 2016 at 10:30 AM**

1. 10:30 AM - Call to Order
2. Consideration of Minutes of July 27, 2016 Regular Meeting and September 23, 2016 and September 30, 2016 Special Meetings
3. Consideration of Financial Statement & Bills Payable
4. Consideration of Town of Carmel's request for a reprieve on the deadline to qualify for full benefits as a Joining member with the MRC/Fiberight program
5. PERC Facility Operations Report – Hank Lang, PERC Plant Manager
6. Fourth Quarter 2016 Tipping Fee Calculation
7. Charter Municipality Asset Management Report – Custody Account, Tip Fee & Operating Budget Stabilization Funds, LP Interest/Bond Prepayment & 4th Quarter Cash Distribution
8. Consideration of adjustment to the existing target value of \$63 per ton in the Target Value Step Increase Plan and/or subsequent schedule step increases.

Noon Lunch Break

9. Report on Road and Infrastructure Construction Project
10. Report on Litigation Settlement with PERC, LP and USAE
11. Report on Status of PERC's appeal to superior court of MRC/Fiberight DEP permit approvals
12. Report on Fiberight progress to financial close and overall facility development schedule
13. Approval of Slate of Nominees for 2016 Annual Election of Directors
14. Administrative Report –Trends in MSW deliveries, MMA Conference, MRC Annual Meeting/2016 and 2017 regular meeting schedule, Certificates of Municipalities Attorney, PERC 2017 and partial 2018 Budget, Upcoming Legislative Session, JRL expansion application
15. Adjourn

Members are welcome. Please call ahead 866-254-3507 or 664-1700 if you plan to attend.



Please Join the Municipal Review Committee, Inc.'s

## *Groundbreaking Ceremony*

Member communities and the public are invited to celebrate  
the commencement of the  
Fiberight MSW processing and recycling development!

Wednesday, October 26 at 9:30 am

Across the street from HO Bouchard, 349 Coldbrook Road, Hampden

RSVP to Greg Louder at 664-1700 or [grounder@mrcmaine.org](mailto:grounder@mrcmaine.org)





Message

Mon, Oct 31, 2016 7:15 AM

From:  Karen Marysdaughter <karenmd@myfairpoint.net>

To:  Karen Marysdaughter <karenmd@myfairpoint.net>

Bcc:  **Mark Leonard**

Subject: Forum on clean energy policy, Nov 16, Bangor

## **Maine Thought Leader Forum: A Post-Election Discussion and Look Ahead to 2017**

**Wednesday, November 16, 2016**

**Bangor City Council Chambers – Bangor City Hall**

**7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.**

This election has major implications for our work on climate and clean energy issues here in Maine and in Washington, D.C.. Please join Natural Resources Council of Maine, our partners, elected officials, and energy professionals for a morning of election analysis and a look ahead to the Maine legislative session in Augusta. Many important decisions will be made in Augusta in 2017 on solar energy policy, energy efficiency, and other climate and clean energy issues. The event is free and open to the public.

After networking over coffee and pastries, Bangor Mayor Sean Faircloth will welcome us and introduce our two panels of speakers. First up is a panel of clean energy professionals with their thoughts on the election results and what it means clean energy jobs in Maine. Panelists include:

- Vaughn Woodruff, Owner of Insource Renewables – A solar and electric heat pump installer
- Matt Damon, Owner of Penobscot Home Performance – An energy efficiency contractor
- Mike Williams – Vice President of Strategic Communications – Blue Green Alliance

Next, you will hear from a panel of Maine state legislators with their thoughts on the state election results and its implications for passing climate and clean energy legislation in Augusta in 2017. Panelists include:

- Senator Geoff Gratwick – Maine Senate District 9 including Bangor and Hermon
  
- Representative Norm Higgins – Maine House District 120 including Atkinson, Brownville, Dover-Foxcroft, Medford, Milo, Plantation of Lake View, and the unorganized territory of Orneville Township
  
- Representative Sara Gideon – Maine House District 48 including Freeport and part of Pownal

We hope you will join us for this informative and thought provoking post-election discussion with Maine legislators and business leaders in Bangor.

Todd Martin  
Outreach Coordinator  
Natural Resources Council of Maine  
(207) 430-0115

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

## CITIZEN COMMENT CARD

*The employees of the Town of Veazie are continually trying to provide the best level of service within our resources. You have just been provided some form of service which we would like to have you rate on this comment card so we can use that information to better serve you and others in the future.*

1. Which Town Office or Department served you? VEAZIE
2. Were your expectations:  
☒ More than met    ☐ Met    ☐ Were not met
3. What more could we have done to make the experience more satisfying?

already excellent - none

4. Would you be willing to discuss any short-comings you may have experienced in an effort to help us do a better job next time? If so, please give us your name and telephone number.

Print Name RAVI CHILUMULA Daytime Phone Number 207 951 5931

*We Appreciate the Opportunity To Serve You!*

Please return to: Town of Veazie, Fletcher Municipal Building, 1084 Main Street, Veazie, ME 04401 • 947-2781







# NEWSLETTER

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## Road and Utilities Construction to Begin

At its September 30 Special Board Meeting, the MRC Board of Directors approved a \$1.6 million withdrawal from the Tip Fee Stabilization Fund to acquire 90 acres of property under option in Hampden (the Fiberight Site) and to fund Phase I of the Interim Road and Infrastructure Project. To keep the project schedule on track and with the goal of having the site and facility available to serve the needs of Joining Members by April 1, 2018, partial construction of the road and utilities for the site will take place this fall.

Highlights Include:

### 2016 Start Maximizes 2017 Construction Season

- Establishing access to site in 2016
- Installing utilities within road in 2016 – avoid interrupting during 2017
- Clearing, grubbing and grading of roadway in 2016
- Saves 2 to 4 months based on Maine's construction season

### Purchase of Property for Facility Site in Hampden

- Agreement with landowner to construct interim work
- Exercise purchase option and close property purchase as soon as practical

### Road and Utilities Budget

	2016	2017	TOTAL
<b>Subtotal</b>	\$1,414,463	\$3,428,589	\$4,843,052
<b>Contingency</b>	\$104,186	\$52,762	\$156,948
<b>Total</b>	\$1,518,649	\$3,481,351	\$5,000,000

- Includes permitting, remaining design, condition compliance, contract admin., inspection, construction, Town fees/items, land acquisition, wetland ILF, DOT fees. Does not include legal fees or appeal process
- 2016 budget is from July 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016

### Appropriation from Tip Fee Stabilization Fund

- \$1.6 million from Tip Fee Stabilization Fund for 2016 work
- Does not affect departing members' funds
- Appeal risk is minimal
- Possibility of appeal concluded before next construction phase in 2017

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Wednesday, October 26**  
**10:30 AM**

Town of Hampden  
Public Safety Training Room  
106 Western Ave.

## Invitation to Groundbreaking Ceremony

The MRC is pleased to invite all MRC Members, 2018 Joining Members, Project Partners, and Supporters to celebrate the groundbreaking of the construction of the new recycling and MSW disposal facility.

**When:** Wednesday, October 26  
9:30 AM

**Where:** 349 Coldbrook Road\*  
Hampden  
(Directly across from  
HO Bouchard's office)

*\*Coldbrook Road is easiest accessed via Exit 180 of I-95. Traveling from the north, turn left from the off-ramp and head about 6/10ths of 1 mile. Traveling from the south, turn right from the off-ramp and head about 4/10ths of 1 mile. Directional parking signs will be provided.*

# MRC Board Approves Settlement with USAE

The MRC Board of Directors approved settlement terms agreement with USA Energy (USAЕ) at its Friday, September 30, 2016 Special Board Meeting. The settlement terms described below have been recorded and bound with the court. The two organizations took the opportunity to not only settle the issues raised by the lawsuit but to also accomplish a fair and positive wind up and conclusion of the existing PERC Partnership. Key terms of the settlement agreement include:

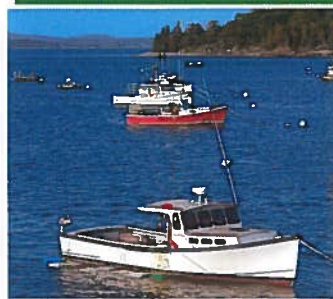
- Existing PERC Partnership will terminate March 2018.
- Right of MRC communities to purchase 100% of PERC is extinguished.
- Each Equity Charter Member has until December 15, 2017 to decide whether to retain its ownership interest in PERC or to accept a cash payout from USAE for its proportional share of Partnership interest valued at \$1.5 million.
- USAE has guaranteed a stream of cash payments of approximately \$5.4 million in revenue sharing cash flows between 9/1/2016 through 3/31/2018.
- USAE will pay MRC a sum of \$600,000 to be held for the benefit of and/or distributed to the member communities.
- PERC will work with MRC to secure an early release of \$1.33 million in reserves, less cost to secure early release, which will be released to the MRC Equity Charter Members.
- USAE relinquished any claim to past or future GAT penalties.
- USAE and PERC Holdings to receive an increase in management fees of \$30,000 per month.
- Each entity recognizes that the other has undertaken efforts to provide MSW disposal service after March 31, 2018 and each agree not to disparage the other party in their design or implementation efforts.
- MRC and PERC will hold a joint meeting on the positive windup of the Partnership to provide more details once the final settlement agreement is signed by both parties.

*MRC is pleased with the outcome of this settlement because it settles a number of unknowns and will ensure that the MRC can concentrate on the successful implementation of the post 2018 plan to provide affordable, environmentally sound and long term disposal of MSW for its members. We will notify all members and interested parties when the joint MRC and PERC meeting will take place.*

## ABOUT THE MRC

The Municipal Review Committee (MRC) is a non-profit association of Maine communities led by an elected, volunteer board of directors. For more than 25 years, the member communities of the Municipal Review Committee (MRC), now numbering more than 180 cities and towns, have used the PERC waste-to-energy incinerator in Orrington to process their municipal solid waste (MSW). After 2018, the contracts with PERC will expire. The MRC has partnered with Fiberight to offer an innovative solution to recycle and process our MSW post 2018.

Visit [www.mrcmaine.org](http://www.mrcmaine.org) or contact Greg Lounder at 207-664-1700 or [glounder@mrcmaine.org](mailto:glounder@mrcmaine.org) to learn more about the Municipal Review Committee and to add your name to our email contact list.



## JOIN OUR EMAIL LIST & FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

MRC regularly sends updates and announcements by email to those who have signed up

for our alerts. We also have active Facebook and Twitter accounts, and we've posted informative videos from recent meetings on our YouTube account. All of these are accessible from the homepage of our website, [mrcmaine.org](http://mrcmaine.org).



## Town of Orono

November 2, 2016

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

Dear Mark,

As I indicated would happen when we met last month, Chief St. Louis and I met with the Orono Town Council Community Development Committee last Monday to discuss the current Emergency Medical Services contract between the Towns of Orono and Veazie. Under the current terms of this contract, the Town of Orono provides year round 24-hour EMS response to Veazie residents and pays the Town of Veazie \$40 for each call in which the Veazie Fire Department also responds and a patient is transported. The Town of Orono bills Veazie residents that are transported on the same terms and with the same collections risk as patients from Orono or other EMS mutual aid communities.

During our discussion with the Council Community Development Committee, there was clear consensus from the Councilors present that they would very much like to see the Town continue to provide this service for the Town of Veazie; however, under the current contract terms, Orono taxpayers are paying for the readiness to serve and assuming all of the risk while Veazie taxpayers are not contributing to this cost. Councilors have asked me to take the next 30 days to work with you to determine whether the Town of Veazie is interested in revising the current contract to include terms that address the fixed costs associated with readiness to provide EMS to Orono and Veazie residents.

The Town of Orono greatly appreciates the working relationship between the Orono and Veazie Fire Department and very much looks forward to restructuring our EMS relationship to reflect a more equitable cost sharing arrangement.

Sincerely,

Sophia L. Wilson  
Town Manager

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**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: November 7, 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 October 3, 2016
- IV. Adjustment to Agenda
- V. Persons Desiring to Address the Committee
- VI. Acknowledgements
- VII. A. Board Chair
- VIII. Personnel
  - A. Resignations
  - B. Nominations
- IX. Principal's Report (Exhibits)
- X. Superintendent Report
  - A. October Financials (Exhibits)

XI. New Business

XII. Old Business

XIII. Board Policy

A. Discuss Policy IHBG, Home Schooling - Participation in School Programs, and the accompanying Regulation, IHBG-R. (Exhibits)

XIB. Request for Information

XVI. Next Meeting - December 5, 2016

XVII. Adjournment





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

November 10, 2016

Location: Council Chambers, Orono Town Office, 59 Maine Street, Orono, Maine

9:00 am – 11:00 am

### **AGENDA**

- 9:00 am Welcome and Round-robin Introductions**
- 9:05 am Special Session: Continuing to Encourage Behavior Change to Reduce Stormwater Pollution**  
Special Guest: Laura Wilson, University of Maine Cooperative Extension
- A review of BASWG's behavior change planning efforts over the last 10 years
  - What needs to be in place to encourage behavior change
  - Discussion of different behavior change tools
  - Group discussion
- 10:00 am Stormdrain Stenciling and Science Festival Planning**  
Led by Cara Belanger
- Update on progress to date
  - What is still needed from MS4s
  - Working with Pulse Marketing and SMART partners
- 10:20 pm Planning Supports for On-the-Ground MS4 Compliance Work in PY4-5**
- Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination
  - Construction
  - Post-Construction
  - Pollution Prevention and Good Housekeeping
- 10:20 pm Contractual and Budget Planning**
- PY5 Budget planning
  - Contract management
- 10:45 Organizational Business**
- Approval of the BASWG Minutes
  - BASWG Calendar Updates
  - Next meeting agenda topics
- 11:00 am BASWG meeting adjourns**



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### **OLT developing policy on invasive species**

Recently a group of Orono Land Trust members were tasked with making recommendations towards a policy for dealing with invasive species on the lands OLT owns or manages.

Kate Locke, Dave Thompson, Jim Hinds, Mike Opitz, Gail White and Linda Swackhamer are researching policies established by other organizations, and

have made a trip to one property to see what may be specific to our own lands.

Mike and Kate showed us examples of eradication methods that have been used for honeysuckle, glossy buckthorn, etc. Pulling, cutting, mulching, and painting stumps with herbicide are standard methods, although we agreed there must be caution with disturbing the soil: dormant seeds or root material suddenly exposed to sunlight can

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### **Beaver deceivers installed by OLT team**

On Sunday, October 2nd, a new beaver deceiver was installed on the Hyland Tract. The beaver deceiver was constructed for us by the Penobscot County Inmates work release team. Installing the deceiver was completed by Dave Thompson, Bucky Owen, Jim and Gail White and Ron Logan.

From a USDA publication "How To Keep Beavers from Plugging Culverts:  
"The rapid flow of water through the culverts and noise of running water trigger the beaver's instinct to build a dam...  
...If the speed of flow and the noise of running water can be reduced, beavers may leave culverts alone. Waterflow and its associated noise are directed away from a culvert, reducing the cues that cause beavers to build dams. If beavers do attempt to halt waterflow, the area they must block is considerably larger.  
...The deeper the water, the more difficult it is for beaver to pile up enough materials to restrict waterflow."



All photos by Gail White

Orono Land Trust had a nice nature walk on October 23 in the CBCA. Steve Sader identified different trees. Bucky Owen showed people the beaver lodge built this year at Pine Ponds. He also spoke about bird migrations. Gail White showed where beaver dams were removed and how water can now flow and renew a wetland. Dave Thompson explained what a beaver deceiver is and how it works. Although the day was our first cool, overcast day, it didn't discourage people from getting out and enjoying the remaining foliage.



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## **Invasive Species: OLT develops a policy**

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regenerate the problem. Observing the plants throughout the seasons is important to harvest and destroy seedheads if possible (e.g., loosestrife, garlic mustard).

Jim talked about the work he and Bucky have been doing near Pine Ponds on Dorion North. They have had success painting stumps of glossy buckthorn. They have had a hard time with purple loosestrife. They hired someone to work on eradicating the Japanese knotweed, and they are also dealing with honeysuckle.

Dave will add a spot on stewardship reports for stewards to report invasives. Kate talked about apps that would help in identifying plants and

recording treatments by use of smartphones and GPS coordinates. Carl Sandborn in Orono is writing management plans for all the town properties; we need to recommend that they do not cut/disturb the soil in the part of Colburn that does not have invasives.

The group discussed who should make treatment decisions: Board, land stewards, committee. We thought specific decisions should rest with the committee, but overall policy approval is with Board. The yearly budget deadline is a time that the Board can look at activities going forward.

Dave and Kate will work on training for the stewards to ID invasive species and on reporting them, and that OLT should have a group of people available to help stewards survey their properties. Dave and Kate have decided to put off the training for stewards until next spring.

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## **Meet new OLT Board member: Molly MacLean**

I am a faculty member with the School of Biology & Ecology at UMaine. I have a lifelong interest in preserving green space in our world. I have used the extensive trail system in Orono and Bangor for skiing, walking & jogging over the past 17

years. When I volunteered time for the vernal pool survey in Orono, I discovered other areas of Orono land with which I was not as familiar. I now live in Old Town and am looking forward to exploring green space in Veazie over the next few months.



# Bog Boardwalk Fundraising Success

The 13th annual Orono Bog Boardwalk yard sale held on Saturday, September 10th was a success! We made \$3,330, which was excellent considering that the highest price paid for an item was \$75! All of this money will support the Boardwalk Reconstruction Campaign Fund administered through the University of Maine Foundation. This year's yard sale would not have happened without the help of 33 dedicated volunteers and the people in the community who donated items. A BIG thank you to our volunteers: Jerry Longcore, Al and Nancy Larson, Ron Lamb, Becky Van Beneden, Barbara Cole, Tish Carr, Paul Markson,

Dick McClay, John & Sharon Fitzgerald, Nancy Rampe, Erik Blomberg, Christina Diebold, Christa Schwintzer, Phyllis Leeman, Jen Lund, Nancy Michaud, Jen and Cason Snow, Ann Surprenant, Paul Robinson, David Cox, Norah and Will St. Peter, Phil Locke, Ray Fort, Rissa Moore, Donna and Gerry Dwyer, Rocky Robichaud, and Jim and Mary Bird. A "thank you" as well to the Golding brothers, owners of Kelley Road Storage, who donated a storage unit to hold our sale items.

Because of our fundraising success this year, we have ordered 48 new Boardwalk sections at a cost of \$93,000 and they will be delivered in mid-October. Volunteers will remove the old sections and install new ones, we hope before the first snow. We are now focused on raising \$87,000 for the next 48 sections. If you would like to donate to this community effort please visit our Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/OronoBogBoardwalk](http://www.facebook.com/OronoBogBoardwalk)) and click on the donate button. You can also send donations to the University of Maine Foundation, 2 Alumni Place, Orono, ME 04469-5792. Please be sure to make checks payable to the University of Maine Foundation and write Bog Campaign on the memo line.

Jim Bird  
Director, Orono Bog Boardwalk



# Nature Clip

by J.R. Longcore

## Mystery Mole – In the basement!

About a week ago I retreated to the basement to cool down from the outside ambient temperature in the 80's F, which has been rising each summer related to a changing climate. About the moment I sat down I heard some noise emanating from behind the television table. Momentarily I saw a small, coal black animal making its way along the floor – thinking it was a mouse or worse, a rat, I grabbed the stove poker and pursued it into the corner. I soon realized that it was neither, because it was not the correct size for a mouse or a rat and its nose was surrounded by short (2-4 mm long), fleshy projections. No other mammal species in New England has these tentacles so it had to be a Starnose Mole (*Condylura cristata*).

Moles are seldom seen because they are adapted to spend most of the time underground. They have tiny eyes, but appendages around the nose contain super-sensitive structures that allow navigation in the dark underground. Their shovel-like feet are as broad as long, thus, allowing them to dig and move through the soil to feed on earthworms and other invertebrates. On manicured lawns or golf courses the ridges of their tunnels are evident. Occasionally I have seen these ridges in my back yard and even mounds of soil, which is further

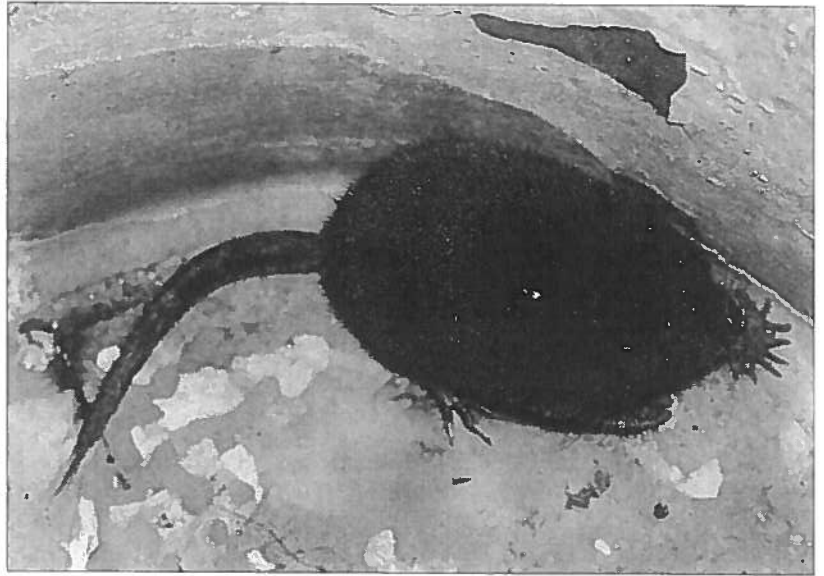


Photo by J.R. Longcore

Starnose mole in pan, caught in my basement in Orono.

evidence of their activity.

The question that lingers, however, is how did it enter the basement? The seemingly logical route was through the sump drainpipe, but the end of the pipe is covered with a large-mesh screen. Even if it could reach the sump it would need to climb the 1.5-foot sump wall—not likely with its short, shovel-like feet. When I encountered the mole in the corner, I herded it into a large pan. Later, when the light was low, I released the mole in the garden with thanks for an opportunity to observe up close one of Maine's more reclusive species. I am still trying to figure out how it entered the basement!

## Fall Trail Day Projects October 22

**T**HANK YOU VOLUNTEERS! Fall trail day was again a success due to the wonderful volunteers. At Orono High School, the Eagle Scout trail was improved. Carts full of gravel were moved to wet areas on the trail and the gravel spread out. The OHS cross country runners ran through during their practice and agreed the trail was much improved. Thanks go to Glenn and Nancy Rampe, Eric Gallandt, Ellen Mallory, Bill DeSisto, Gail White and Gillian Rose.



Photo by Gail White

Ellen, Glenn and Nancy at work on Fall Trail Day in Orono.



Photo by Tonya Brown

Veazie Trail Day, with Sigma Phi Epsilon men and neighbors at the new Davis Lands trailhead.

**V**eazie had a good Trail Day, 22 people showed up, including some Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity brothers from UMaine, and a new neighbor who saw us and dropped by. Another neighbor came by to offer us apples from her backyard tree.

We cut and hauled brush to clear new trails on the Davis Land, a recent gift to the town from Tom Davis, in memory of his sister. An area has been cleared for a future gravel parking area, and a kiosk. New

maps need to be made to reflect this new access point for hikers and skiers to connect to the Manter Wood, an OLT easement, and McPhetres Forest, by the Veazie cemetery. Wood chips were hauled and spread to create good trails, and mitigate walking hazards and water runoff. The weather held off and everyone had a fine, productive day. We will have another Trail Day on Nov. 6

## OLT updates by Dave Thompson: Improvements on Sklar Park and Heron Pond

During the week of August 15 thru 19th the Penobscot County Sheriff's Department Inmate work crew participated in two OLT projects.

The first project was constructing a new bridge on a feeder stream to Johnny Mack Brook on Sklar Park. OLT serves as a steward for the parcel owned by the Town of Orono, which paid for the materials used for the bridge. The first day was spent removing the old bridge, which was severely deteriorated. The old timbers and boards were hauled out on my trailer, pulled by the recently purchased Kabota tractor, to a trailer, placed by the Orono Public Works Department, to the end of Mainwood Street.



The second day was spent building the center pier and installing the 2"x8" pressure-treated bridge stringers. On the third day we put in the cross pieces located between the stringers, and made sure the stringers were level and square. The last step was to attach the 2"x8"x4" cross pieces and the 2'x4' toe rails. Completed!

The second project was to construct two beaver deceivers, that are modeled after the one Skip Lyle helped us build and install on the Hyland Tract. They are constructed by stapling 6"x6-1/4" epoxy-coated, welded meshwire to pressure-treated 2" by 4"s. They are 5' wide, 10' long and about 44" high. They are placed over the ends of a culvert to prevent beavers from filling the interior of the culvert with sticks, stones and mud to stop the water flow.

The first one has been installed on a culvert set in the beaver dam on the Heron Pond. The culvert was placed to direct the flow from the pond westerly along the south side of the old Veazie Railroad Bed to reflood an abandoned beaver pond to improve habitat for wildlife. The Sheriff's crew was helped on this project by Bucky Owen, Jerry Longcore and Bucky's dog Cricket. I used my tractor to position the deceiver over the end of the culvert, while Bucky and Jerry secured it to two metal stakes driven into the pond bottom by two of the inmates. Cricket was making sure we had it at the right water level.

The members of the Sheriff's crew worked hard all week and were a major reason that we were able to complete these two projects.

Work continues on improving the old Veazie Railroad Bed that traverses this tract. Last year we brush hogged, pulled out the old piling poles and erected a beaver deceiver at the mouth of an old stone culvert. We also improved the beaver dam on the upstream side of the railroad bed. This year we installed a 20"x 20' culvert about midway across the bog.

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## Hyland Conservation Easement Trust

On August 19th Paul Strout sent us 5 loads of bank-run gravel to cover the culvert. These were loads of about 3 cubic yards apiece on a one-ton truck that came in from the Bangor City Forest. The driver had to back all the way down to the culvert because there was no place to turn around. I leveled the gravel with my John Deere tractor. Because of the distance to the pit and the fact that the driver had to back in, it took almost all day. A week before the gravel arrived we brush hogged the railroad bed from the Bangor City Forest to the rock cut entrance.

The Penobscot Sheriff's Department workers have built a beaver deceiver to be placed in front of the new culvert in early October. The end result is you can now travel across the bog on the Veazie railroad bed without getting wet.



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## Inside the cozy breakfast and lunch spot Stone Sparrow Cafe in Veazie

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Stone Sparrow Cafe can be seen in Veazie on Nov. 2.

By Emily Burnham (<http://bangordailynews.com/author/emily-burnham/>), BDN Staff  
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Nearly every morning, Cathy Conn welcomes a married couple — both 88, living at Dirigo Pines in Orono — into Stone Sparrow Cafe, her tiny, cozy restaurant in Veazie, for a simple breakfast and a little conversation. With just 18 seats, it's easy for Conn to get to know all her regulars very well, very quickly.

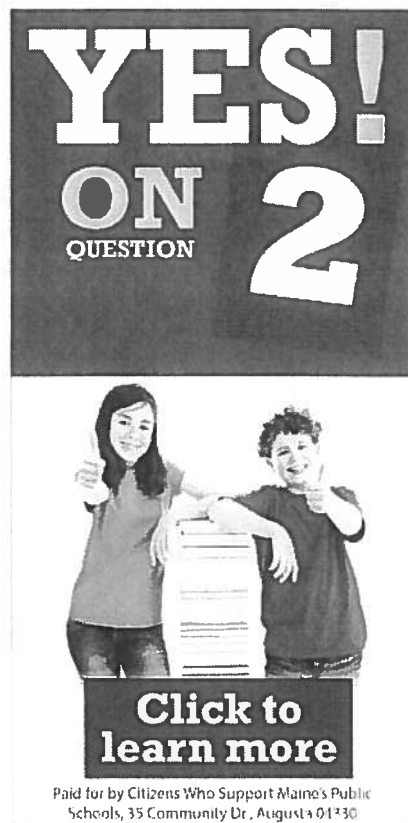
"They say that they made the decision to go out to breakfast every morning because it gets them up and out and dressed and going," said Conn, who opened her cafe in June 2014. "One of the really nice things about being small is that you really get to know people."

Over bacon and egg scrambles, French toast or classic chicken salad sandwiches, regular patrons of Stone Sparrow Cafe catch up on the news and each other's lives, read the paper or a book, simply sit quietly and think. Some are young people with children; most are retirees, either friends or couples, sharing stories, jokes and maybe a little gossip. There's not a thing about this cafe that's forced or impersonal.

Conn, a Brewer native living in Old Town, didn't start out in life planning to open a restaurant, though she did work as a personal chef on Mount Desert Island during the summers in between high school and college. She cooked for a wealthy older woman and her many guests in an impressive Northeast Harbor summer home.

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One time, in the late 1970s, she served Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis lunch.

"I remember being complimented on my clam chowder and blueberry pie," said Conn. "I was 17. She was very nice, though I was told I couldn't tell anyone she was there. She was the most famous woman in the world, to me."

Despite her auspicious beginnings as a cook, she took a circuitous route toward eventually opening Stone Sparrow Cafe. She first worked as an interior designer around the southern U.S. — her eye for creating an inviting space is evident in the cafe's warm, comfortable atmosphere. In the early 1990s, she moved back to Maine, where she worked for MBNA and Bank of America for nearly 20 years.

During that time, Conn, always an avid home cook, began doing small-scale catering for friends and family — a dinner party here, a small wedding there. Nothing major, though she received rave reviews for food.

"It was never something that was going to be a full-time thing," said Conn. "But I've always loved to cook, and eventually, I was just thinking about maybe, someday, maybe. ... People always said to me, 'You should open a place!'"

Then she was laid off from her job when Bank of America closed its Orono call center. She took her severance package and decided to bite the bullet and open her own place. She initially looked for a property in Old Town, but when she saw the little stone cottage was up for sale, she jumped at it.

"It was a case of 'If not now, when?'" said Conn. "When I saw this place was available, I just went for it."

The first two years Stone Sparrow Cafe was open, Conn struggled with staffing issues, and she had to close for a few months to recuperate from a broken foot. Undeterred, however, she's kept going — and is finally in a place where things seem to be running smoothly.

Stone Sparrow Cafe is located in the eye-catching stone cottage that formerly housed the Stonehouse Cafe, another breakfast and lunch spot, about halfway between Mt. Hope Cemetery and Penobscot Valley Country Club. Inside, the walls are painted a creamy white, and tasteful photographs and paintings hang on the walls. Vintage sugar bowls and funky green chairs, some taken from the former Oronoka Restaurant in Orono, are at every table, and the front counter is packed with luscious baked goods — from brownies, muffins and cookies to beautifully frosted homemade cakes.

From the tiny kitchen, a small but thoroughly vetted array of breakfast and lunch items come out from the swinging doors. The most popular dish is the Sparrow's Nest Scramble, an egg scramble filled with bacon and home fries. A weekend brunch favorite is classic Eggs Benedict — the most expensive thing on the menu but still just \$9.50 — served with thick slices of fresh baked ham and Conn's lemony, decadent hollandaise sauce, of which she's justifiably proud.

"It's Julia Child's recipe," said Conn. "If you're going to do something like hollandaise, you use the best recipe."



For lunch, there's daily soups and sandwiches — traditional favorites such as a BLT, and chicken and tuna salad, with sandwiches priced at either \$5.50 for a half or \$8.50 for a whole, with side salads or chips (there's no fryolator at Stone Sparrow Cafe). There also is Conn's personal favorites, the French onion and spinach and artichoke grilled cheeses; the former slathered with caramelized onions and, optionally, bacon, and the latter utilizing Swiss, asiago and cream cheese and roasted garlic.

The 18-seat dining room, small menu and the even tinier kitchen mean that there's little chance for the kitchen to become swamped — though it does mean that on weekends such as the University of Maine's Homecoming, Conn has to turn people away.

"I hate turning people away. But we have 18 seats," she said. "People don't like to wait. I get it. But we really want folks to come in on weekdays, too."

Conn intentionally kept the menu small — though the size of her kitchen had something to do with it, she also knew that she wanted to not aim too high, or overwhelm herself.

"There are a lot of really good restaurants around here that can do some really impressive stuff. There was no way I could ever compete with dinner. I didn't want to do dinner," said Conn. "I just wanted to do lunch. It's really good and really fresh, but it's just breakfast and lunch. I wanted to keep it simple."

The Stone Sparrow Cafe is open from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays. It is located at 1492 State St. in Veazie. For more information, visit [facebook.com/stonesparrowcafe/](https://www.facebook.com/stonesparrowcafe/) ([https://www.google.com/url?q=https://www.facebook.com/stonesparrowcafe/&sa=D&ust=1478555769488000&usg=AFQjCNHcETk6zOo2tW\\_PPJ1uNx3GOfImQ](https://www.google.com/url?q=https://www.facebook.com/stonesparrowcafe/&sa=D&ust=1478555769488000&usg=AFQjCNHcETk6zOo2tW_PPJ1uNx3GOfImQ)).

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