



Veazie Town Council

Regular Meeting

**February 13th, 2017
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 January 23rd Regular Council Meeting Minutes
- ITEM 6:** Comments from the Public

New Business:

- ITEM 7:** FY17/18 Budget Directive
- ITEM 8:** Update from Principal Cyr
- ITEM 9:** FD Presentation/Update
- ITEM 10:** Gateway Seniors without wall Request

Old Business:

- 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 #16 and Town Payroll #16, School Payroll Warrant #16 & #17, AP School Warrant #15A. #16 & #17.
- 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 February 13, 2017 Council Meeting

The following is a brief explanation of some of the items on the agenda:

ITEM 7: Council will provide direction to the members of the Budget Committee for the FY 17-18 Budget process.

ITEM 8: Principal Cyr will provide an update on the School to the Council.

ITEM 9: A/C Metcalf will provide an update on the Fire Department and present year end statistics to the Council.

ITEM 10: Council will review a donation request from Gateway Seniors without walls. Previously we have donated to the group later in the year but they are requesting the donation now so they can move forward with another production of the Senior Yellow Pages. No specific amount was requested. Previously we have approved a \$500.00 donation (2016) and a \$1,000.00 donation (2015).

Suggested Motion: I motion we approve a (enter dollar amount) donation to Gateway Seniors without walls.

Veazie Town Council Meeting
January 23rd, 2017

Members Present: Chairman Tammy Perry, Councilor Chris Bagley, Councilor David King, Councilor Paul Messer, Councilor Michael Reid, Manager Mark Leonard, Secretary Julie Strout, Assessor Ben Birch, Town Attorney Roger Huber, Town Citizen Marcia Smith, Dynegy Plant Manager Brian Ahern, Sewer District Trustees Jim Parker, Rob Tomilson, Norman Webb and various members of the public.

ITEM 1: Call to order

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

ITEM 2: Secretary to do the roll call:

All present

ITEM 3: Pledge of Allegiance

ITEM 4: Consideration of the Agenda

Chairman Perry would like to change ITEM 10 to ITEM 7B and ITEM 7 would become ITEM 7A.

ITEM 5: Approval of the January 9th, 2017 Regular Council Meeting Minutes

Councilor Paul Messer made a motion, seconded by Councilor Michael Reid to approve the January 9th, 2017 Regular Council Meeting Minutes as written. Voted 3-0-2. Motion carried. Councilor Chris Bagley and Councilor David King abstained.

ITEM 6: Comments from the public

Citizen Sandra Patterson brought up that the Veazie Seniors lease with Penquis, for the Community room, runs out in December of 2021.

New Business:

ITEM 7A: Dynegy Certificate Presentation

Chairman Tammy Perry and the Council presented Plant Manager Brian Ahern with a certificate for successfully completing OSHA's Voluntary Protection Program. The Voluntary Protection Program promotes effective worksite-based safety and health.

ITEM 7B: Reconsideration of Tax Abatement Request

Citizen Marcia Smith expressed her concerns to the Council in regards to the reconsideration of her tax abatement request. The Town Assessor and Town Attorney explained to Ms. Smith that there are two categories of abatement requests (excluding poverty abatements), those based on overvaluation or an error in valuation and those based on illegality, error, or irregularity. The distinction is important because the time frame for seeking relief depends upon which category the abatement request is based.

An abatement based on the miscoding or misclassification of a residence as a two-story residence, as opposed to a single-story residence, constitutes an “overvaluation” or “error in valuation” abatement. These types of abatements must be filed within 186 days of the commitment of the tax. 36 M.R.S.A. 841(1). After the date, the Assessor has no jurisdiction or authority to entertain, much less grant, an abatement. That is an absolute rule. The deadline cannot be waived or extended by agreement, even if everyone agrees that it’s the “right” thing to do.

The Assessor, acting on their own initiative, can correct an overvaluation within one year of the commitment date. After that date, the Assessor has no jurisdiction or authority to take any action. Under the law, that deadline, like the deadline for filing an abatement, cannot be waived or extended, even by agreement of the parties. The law does allow the Town Council to grant abatements on its own initiative or upon written application filed after one year but before three years from the commitment date to correct an “illegality, error or irregularity.” 36 M.R.S.A. 841(1). If Ms. Smith’s abatement request was based on an “illegality, error or irregularity,” then the Town Council could abate her 2015 and, perhaps, even her 2014 taxes (depending on the actual commitment date). Unfortunately, the basis for her request is clearly ‘overvaluation’ not illegality, error or irregularity.”

The Council expressed as much as the Town would like to grant the abatement requests they don’t have legal authority or jurisdiction to do so.

ITEM 8: Discussion with Sewer District Trustees

Jim Parker and Rob Tomilson updated the Council on the Sewer District.

ITEM 9: Executive Session per M.R.S.A. 1 405 (6) (E) – Consultations with Legal Counsel

Councilor Chris Bagley made a motion, seconded by Councilor Paul Messer to enter into Executive Session per M.R.S.A. 1 405 (6) (E) – Consultations with Legal Counsel at 7:14pm. Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried.

Councilor Paul Messer made a motion, seconded by Councilor David King to exit Executive Session per M.R.S.A. 1 405 (6) (E) – Consultations with Legal Counsel at 7:28pm. Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried.

Old Business

ITEM 11: PRRT Land Transfer Follow up

Councilor Chris Bagley made a motion, seconded by Councilor Paul Messer to accept the transfer of property along the Penobscot River in Veazie from the Penobscot River Restoration Trust, for no cost, and on substantially the same terms as set forth in the draft Quitclaim With Deed Covenant and draft Covenant of Purpose, Use and Ownership, attached to this motion, conditioned upon completion of an updated title search evidencing no additional unacceptable encumbrances on the property since December 20, 2010, the date of the last title update, and to authorize the Town Manager to execute on behalf of the Town the necessary document to effectuate the conveyance. Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried.

ITEM 12: Municipal Building Renovations Follow up

Councilor Paul Messer made a motion, seconded by Councilor Chris Bagley to authorize Matt Polo of Polo Property Maintenance to complete the proposed renovations to the employee kitchen, breakroom and Fire Department Office for a price not to exceed \$30,000.00. Councilor Messer further motioned we pay for this proposed project using funds from the undesignated fund. Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried.

ITEM 13: Executive Session per M.R.S.A. 1 405 (6) (A) – Personnel Matter

Councilor Chris Bagley made a motion, seconded by Councilor Paul Messer to enter into Executive Session per M.R.S.A. 1 405 (6) (A) – Personnel Matter at 7:36pm. Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried.

Councilor Chris Bagley made a motion, seconded by Councilor David King to exit Executive Session per M.R.S.A. 1 405 (6) (A) – Personnel Matter at 7:54pm. Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried.

ITEM 14: Manager's Report

Manager Leonard reviewed his report with the Councilor's.

ITEM 15: Comments from the Public

None.

ITEM 16: Requests for information and Town Council Comments

None.

ITEM 17: Review & sign of AP Town Warrant #13, and Town Payroll #15, School Payroll Warrant #14 & #15, AP School Warrant, #14 & #15.

The warrants were circulated and signed.

ITEM 18: Adjournment

Councilor David King motioned to adjourn

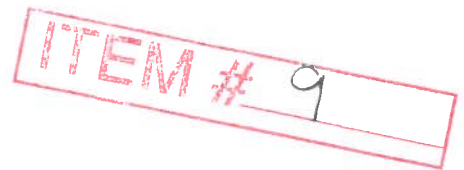
Councilor Paul Messer seconded. No discussion. Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried.

Adjourned at 7:57pm

A True Copy Attest
Julie Strout, Deputy Clerk

Veazie Fire Department

1/1/2016 To 12/31/2016



Total Personnel Training Hours

1044 hours

Incident Breakdown for 2016

Station:

111 - Building fire	5	1.58%
113 - Cooking fire, confined to container	4	1.26%
131 - Passenger vehicle fire	1	0.32%
141 - Forest, woods or wildland fire	1	0.32%
142 - Brush, or brush and grass mixture fire	1	0.32%
150 - Outside rubbish fire, other	1	0.32%
160 - Special outside fire, other	1	0.32%
Total - Fires	14	4.42%
3001 - Rescue, emergency medical call welfare check	27	8.52%
321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	148	46.69%
322 - Vehicle accident with injuries	2	0.63%
324 - Motor vehicle accident with no injuries	5	1.58%
353 - Removal of victim(s) from stalled elevator	1	0.32%
360 - Water & ice related rescue, other	1	0.32%
363 - Swift water rescue	1	0.32%
Total - Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incidents	185	58.36%
400 - Hazardous condition, other	1	0.32%
412 - Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	1	0.32%
424 - Carbon monoxide incident	1	0.32%
440 - Electrical wiring/equipment problem, other	1	0.32%
4440 - Tree on wires	1	0.32%
4441 - Utility wire down other then power line.	2	0.63%
4442 - Tree Down	2	0.63%
445 - Arcing, shorted electrical equipment	2	0.63%
463 - Vehicle accident, general cleanup	1	0.32%
Total - Hazardous Conditions (No fire)	12	3.79%
500 - Service Call, other	24	7.57%
5001 - Burn Permit	13	4.10%
511 - Lock-out	2	0.63%
520 - Water problem, other	2	0.63%
522 - Water or steam leak	3	0.95%
550 - Public service assistance, other	3	0.95%
551 - Assist police or other governmental agency	1	0.32%
553 - Public service	2	0.63%
554 - Assist invalid	1	0.32%
561 - Unauthorized burning	3	0.95%
571 - Cover assignment, standby, moveup	13	4.10%
5710 - Mutual Aid, Cover assignment, standby at fire station	3	0.95%
Total - Service Call	70	22.08%
611 - Dispatched & cancelled en route	11	3.47%
6111 - Dispatched and no response	4	1.26%

611E - EMS: Dispatched & cancelled en route	2	0.63%
651 - Smoke scare, odor of smoke	3	0.95%
652 - Steam, vapor, fog or dust thought to be smoke	1	0.32%
Total - Good Intent Call	21	6.62%
700 - False alarm or false call, other	1	0.32%
731 - Sprinkler activation due to malfunction	1	0.32%
733 - Smoke detector activation due to malfunction	3	0.95%
7330 - Smoke detector activation due to cooking	3	0.95%
735 - Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	3	0.95%
736 - CO detector activation due to malfunction	1	0.32%
745 - Alarm system sounded, no fire - unintentional	2	0.63%
746 - Carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO	1	0.32%
Total - False Alarm & False Call	15	4.73%
Total for Station	317	100.00%

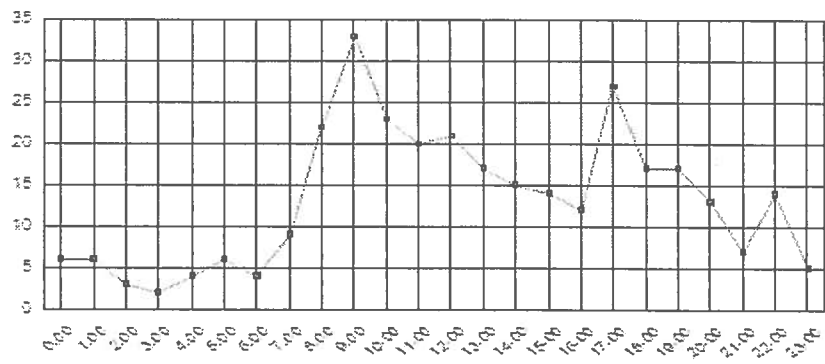
EMS Breakdown

Dispatch Reason	# of Times	% of Times
1 - Abdominal Pain / Problems	6	3.68%
10 - Chest Pain (Non-Traumatic)	13	7.98%
12 - Convulsions / Seizures	1	0.61%
13 - Diabetic Problems	5	3.07%
17 - Falls	14	8.59%
19 - Heart Problems / A.I.C.D.	2	1.23%
2 - Allergies (Reactions) / Envenomations (Stings, Bees)	3	1.84%
21 - Hemorrhage / Lacerations	6	3.68%
23 - Overdose / Poisoning (Ingestion)	4	2.45%
25 - Psychiatric / Abnormal Behavior / Suicide Attempt	5	3.07%
26 - Sick Person	13	7.98%
27 - Stab / Gunshot / Penetrating Trauma	1	0.61%
28 - Stroke (CVA) / Transient Ischemic Attack (TIA)	4	2.45%
29 - Traffic / Transportation Incident	5	3.07%
3 - Animal Bites / Attacks	1	0.61%
30 - Traumatic Injury	4	2.45%
31 - Unconscious / Fainting (Near)	9	5.52%
32 - Unknown Problem (Man Down)	7	4.29%
4 - Assault / Sexual Assault	4	2.45%
5 - Back Pain (Non-Traumatic/Non-Recent Trauma)	2	1.23%
6 - Breathing Problems	18	11.04%
9 - Cardiac or Respiratory Arrest / Death	4	2.45%
Medical Alarm	2	1.23%
Other	28	17.18%
Patient Assist / Lifting Assist	1	0.61%
Stand By (Fire, Law, etc)	1	0.61%
Total	163	100%

Incidents by Time of Day

Time of Day	Number of Incidents
00:00:00 to 00:59:59	6
01:00:00 to 01:59:59	6
02:00:00 to 02:59:59	3
03:00:00 to 03:59:59	2
04:00:00 to 04:59:59	4
05:00:00 to 05:59:59	6
06:00:00 to 06:59:59	4
07:00:00 to 07:59:59	9
08:00:00 to 08:59:59	22
09:00:00 to 09:59:59	33
10:00:00 to 10:59:59	23
11:00:00 to 11:59:59	20
12:00:00 to 12:59:59	21
13:00:00 to 13:59:59	17
14:00:00 to 14:59:59	15
15:00:00 to 15:59:59	14
16:00:00 to 16:59:59	12
17:00:00 to 17:59:59	27
18:00:00 to 18:59:59	17
19:00:00 to 19:59:59	17
20:00:00 to 20:59:59	13
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22:00:00 to 22:59:59	14
23:00:00 to 23:59:59	5
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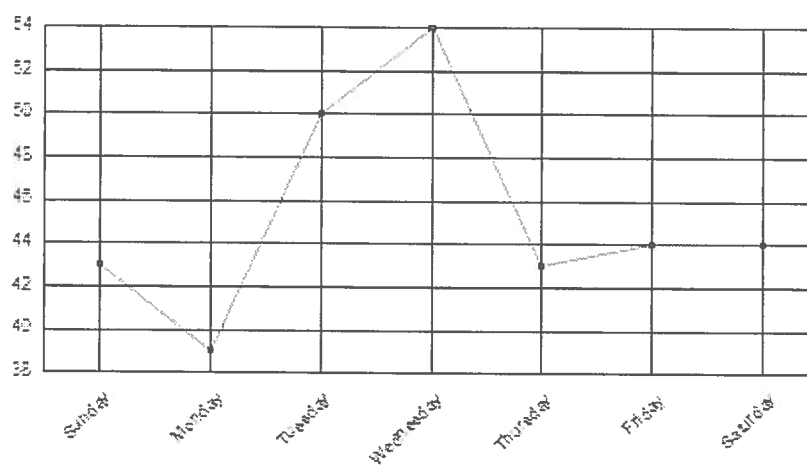
0700 – 1800	213 responses
1800 – 0700	104 responses



Incidents by Day of Week

Date Range: From 1/1/2016 To 12/31/2016

Day of the Week	Number of Incidents
Sunday	43
Monday	39
Tuesday	50
Wednesday	54
Thursday	43
Friday	44
Saturday	44





GATEWAY SENIORS
without walls

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ITEM # 10

9 Chestnut Court Orono, Maine 04473 (207) 889-3031

January 23, 2017

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

Dear Mark,

Thank you for your generous support of the first printing of the Senior Yellow Pages (SYP). Your support helped to make the first printing a great success. A thousand copies of the SYP were printed in September 2016 and were placed at varied distribution centers (libraries, town offices, subsidized housing units, retirement communities, and social service agencies); those copies lasted only a few weeks. Gateway Seniors again has a long waiting list for the SYP; moreover, libraries, social service agencies, and churches throughout Greater Bangor have asked for many more copies to distribute.

I am writing to ask for your support for a second printing of the manual. A thousand copies are scheduled for printing at the end of February, 2017, and we are seeking commitments from donors to meet that schedule. In return for a donation, you will receive additional copies of the Senior Yellow Pages to distribute; and, of course, 1000 new copies of your ad will go out with the second printing.

As you know, Gateway Seniors Without Walls, a Maine licensed 501(c) (3) charity, affiliated with the University of Maine Center on Aging, developed the Senior Yellow Pages with assistance from students and staff at the Center on Aging, staff at the Eastern Area Agency on Aging, and students at the University of Maine. The Senior Yellow Pages was born in 2013 after we analyzed data from focus groups that explored unmet community needs. Many focus group participants voiced confusion about what services were available in Greater Bangor and expressed the hope that Gateway Seniors would work on a remedy. The Senior Yellow Pages is our remedy. Ultimately, the manual provides seniors, their families, and their counselors with information about resources in Greater Bangor, making it more likely that seniors will be able to remain in their communities as they age and their needs change.

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Email: gatewayseniorswithoutwalls@roadrunner.com
Websites: www.gatewayseniorswithoutwalls.org www.senioryellowpages.org

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The 250+ page manual covers services for the elderly—local and state—in the Greater Bangor area. A Table of Contents and Index allow people to find resources by name or by category. The listing is comprehensive, and the listed services include both contact information and special features. There are introductions to complex topics. The large type used throughout makes this manual user friendly for older people. A spiral binding guarantees that the manual opens flat. The SYP is distributed free of charge to families, seniors, social service agencies, and other users. Many area libraries have retained reference copies for use by their patrons.

Two articles about the Senior Yellow Pages appeared recently in the BDN (copies enclosed) and the SYP has received widespread praise, including the following:

- “We received a few boxes of the Senior Yellow Pages. They are amazing! You did a great job.” Administrator, HACOT, Old Town
- “I love the Senior Yellow Pages. Great work, much needed.” Senior, Bangor
- “Your resource book for the greater Bangor area is FABULOUS! Could you please send me 10 more.” Rehabilitation Manager, Maine Veterans Home
- “This is a great resource, thank you for all your hard work!” Librarian, Orono Public Library
- “I just finished going through your wonderful Senior Yellow Pages for edits and I must say you have done some incredible work! Kudos! I think this resource guide will be very helpful to those who use it, including the many helpers who look for resources on other people’s behalf.” Social Worker, PCHC

We ask you to let us know before February 15, 2017, if possible, whether (or not) you can help us out with the second printing of the Senior Yellow Pages. Please give us a call if you have questions (207-889-3031 or 207-566-8641). We’d be happy to talk with you about any issues.

Best,



Ann Davidoff, Ph.D.

Directory gives seniors freedom to age in place

BY MEG HASKELL
BDN STAFF

It's a conundrum for many seniors, especially those in the upper reaches of their golden years. The internet promises virtually unlimited information and connection to services, but many seniors either don't have access to a computer or are distrustful of the medium, cautious of becoming vulnerable to scammers and fraud. Others find the deluge of information overwhelming and lack the ability to sort and filter search results to find what they're looking for.

"Many, many seniors are not savvy about using computers, even for email," said Ann Davidoff, 74, of the Orono-based nonprofit organization Gateway Seniors Without Walls. "Many don't even own a computer. They're much more comfortable on the phone."

So while there's a fast-growing business and nonprofit sector aimed at helping aging Mainers stay healthy and active in their



Ann Davidoff (right) opens a box containing copies of "Senior Yellow Pages: Local and State Services for Seniors in Greater Bangor" at PrintBangor on Central Street.

MEG HASKELL | BDN

homes, the population they seek to serve is often unaware of what's available, she said.

"We held a series of focus groups to find out what services and activities older people needed most," she said. "The No. 1 issue we heard was that people were confused about what services were available in the area."

In-home health care, legal assistance, meal delivery, transportation, affordable housing, financial services and much more are what the participants were looking for, she said. It was clear that many people were not comfortable using computer technology to track down the information they needed.

So Gateway Seniors, a nonprofit organization established in 2013, set to work, compiling a more familiar resource: the Senior Yellow Pages, a 220-page resource in large type with more than 30 headings, alphabetically arranged from "Abuse and Neglect" to "Work, see Employment Opportunities."

Hot off the presses on Sept. 12, "Senior Yellow Pages: Local and State Services for Seniors in Greater Bangor" is available free of charge to Bangor-area individuals and families, community groups and public facilities like libraries and town offices. Funded in part

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by the Bangor-based Eastern Area Agency on Aging with additional support from the former Hammond Street Senior Center and other sponsors, the compiled businesses and service providers are all based in Bangor and 15 communities in the surrounding area.

It took nearly three years to complete the project, Davidoff said, and the combined efforts of Gateway Senior volunteers, the University of Maine Center on Aging and various student groups from UMaine, who earned academic credit for their involvement. For the most part, she said, appropriate entries and supporting information were compiled using online searches.

Of course, one benefit of online information over print is the ability to keep it up to date. Won't the Senior Yellow Pages be quickly outdated? Yes, Davidoff agreed — that's why the group has decided to post the information online as well, where it can easily be refreshed as needed.

"I'll be on the web in October," Davidoff said, at www.senioryellowpages.org, which is not yet active. She anticipates there will

be future paper editions as well but would not predict when.

Davidoff is not aware of any other local senior advocacy groups, in Maine or beyond, that have undertaken a similar project. If other groups are interested in compiling a Senior Yellow Pages for their own regions, she said, Gateway Seniors will be glad to share their experience.

At Eastern Area Agency on Aging, Executive Director Dyan Walsh said the Senior Yellow Pages fills an important niche in the area, providing essential information to non-computer-savvy seniors who prefer to contact a business directly, by phone, rather than working through a clearinghouse service like EAAA or the statewide 2-1-1 program.

EAAA has already compiled a list of area residents who are waiting to get their hands on the new Senior Yellow Pages. Others who would like a copy may contact the agency at 207-941-2865 or contact their local library.

Gateway Seniors Without Walls was founded in 2013 in affiliation with the University of Maine Center on Aging. Its mission is twofold: to sponsor a variety of social activities, including films, lectures and fitness classes, and to publicize community services for seniors.

Senior Yellow Pages are a golden resource

Senior Beat

Carol Higgins Taylor



You know what frustrates me? Well, one of the things? Trying to find information and being unsuccessful. I am pretty good at investigating resources but it is not always easy.

Ann Davidoff, one of the founders of Gateway Seniors Without Walls, an organization that takes the concept of a senior center out to the community, understood the anxiety and has a solution.

GSWW is a center "without walls," so instead of a brick

and mortar structure, it offers programs in spaces, offered without charge, such as libraries, community centers, churches, university classrooms, homes, wildlife refuges, among others, and that are convenient to local seniors.

Gateway Seniors Without Walls is a nonprofit organization completely staffed by volunteers who continually strive to serve the needs of seniors.

"Ultimately, we hope to supplement and extend the resources that are currently available to older people within our community," said Davidoff. "Our goal is that our programs will improve their quality of life and keep them active, healthy, and aging in place." Although seniors are the primary focus, people of all ages are welcome to partici-

pate in their programs.

What does GSWW have to do with researching resources?

"I was hearing from seniors that they just couldn't find a resource they needed or didn't know exactly what a particular agency does," said Davidoff.

Gateway conducted focus groups in 2013 to learn more about community needs. A continuing theme of the meetings was confusion from the participants regarding what services were available in the community and how to access them.

"The group repeatedly expressed the hope that Gateway Seniors would work on a remedy," said Davidoff. "So, the Senior Yellow Pages was born." The book was done in collaboration with the UMaine Center on Aging, Eastern Area Agency on Aging and the part-

nering agencies of the MOOV

Penobscot Thriving in Place Project, an organization that supports senior resources in Milford, Orono, Old Town and Veazie. That's the MOOV part.

A labor of love to be sure, the Senior Yellow Pages took several years to complete. Then the search was on to find enough grant funds and donations to get the book printed.

At 250 pages, it was a process. The endeavor proved to be successful, however. A thousand books were printed and all but a few have been distributed. The search is now on again to find additional funding to reprint.

The Senior Yellow Pages contains the most up-to-date listing of local and state services for seniors in the Greater Bangor area.

"Occasionally, things change quickly," said Davidoff. "Consequently, we can't guarantee the total accuracy of the information in the Senior Yellow Pages. We are just doing our best." By way of disclaimer, the GSWW is also not responsible for any errors that may have occurred or any claims, damages or losses that may result. Again, it is a labor of love and they all did their best.

While most of the copies have been taken, the book is available online on the GSWW website. Visit www.gateway-seniorswithoutwalls.org for the link to the Senior Yellow Pages. Just look at the categories listed on the left and click on the one you need. If you have questions about a specific agency or problem you are having, just enter a word or

two in the search bar and you will see the results.

You will also find information about Gateway. This organization began as the dream child of a few people who wanted to provide seniors with activities that would enhance their lives, and now there are too many activities and projects to count. Hats off to the organizers. You should be proud.

For more information on the Senior Yellow Pages or to put your name on the waiting list for a copy of the book when it is reprinted, call Gateway Seniors Without Walls at 889-3031.

Carol Higgins Taylor is an advocate for seniors and owns Bryant Street Public Relations in Bangor. Email her at seniorbeat@gmail.com.

Manager's Report For February 13, 2017 Council Meeting

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

I attended a Maine Chiefs of Police Committee meeting which was held at the Criminal Justice Academy. The Committee is under the leadership of a new chairman who would like to look at and update all of the existing mandatory policies. During this meeting, we completed two (2) policies which were forwarded to and approved by the Board of Directors. I will be working to implement them in our Police Department.

The Town's Attorney has reviewed and made a few modifications to the contract for Forestry Services. After numerous emails and correspondence, the contract has been forwarded to the Town's Forester for signature.

The Water District contacted me regarding a residential water line break near the intersection of Oak Grove and Veazie Street. To repair the break the road needed to be shut down for a period of time. I contacted the City of Bangor Community Connector and made them aware, as this affected the bus route.

I received an email from Manager Wilson regarding the EMS Contract in which I replied. Since the email, I have not had any contact with her directly. A/C Metcalf has had discussions with Chief St. Louise from Orono regarding this contract. When more information is received it will be provided to Council for discussion.

I have scheduled meetings of negotiations for the Fire Department Contact.

The lawsuit between PERC and MRC has been finalized. I have signed the contract which was approved in April and returned it for execution. As of this report, I have not received the executed contract.

After the last Council meeting, questions arose regarding the tax abatement process. In an effort to help citizens understand the procedure, Assessor Birch put together an explanation with additional information which was put on our website in hopes of helping citizens understand the process better.

Julie Strout and I attended a training seminar regarding Town Meeting procedures. The training was very informative and we have several items we will incorporate into our Town Meeting.

I took members of the Community Redevelopment Committee on a tour of the Community Center. They had not been in the building since the work began. They developed a list of projects they would like to see accomplished moving forward.

I have scheduled a meeting with the Sewer District and the Water District concerning upcoming and future projects. This will help as we enter into the budget process for this year.

Manager's Report For February 13, 2017 Council Meeting

I sent a memo to my Police Staff regarding the recent law that was passed concerning recreational marijuana use. Since it is still against Federal Law, it is forbidden for Police Officers to use. I have spoken with A/C Metcalf and we will continue discussions on how to handle this with the Fire Department Staff.

I have met with a representative from WinElectric to look at replacing all of the lights at the Municipal Building as well as the Community Center, (inside and outside) with energy efficient lights. This project will be in conjunction with the State's Rebate Program through Efficiency Maine. Once the quote is received, I will present it to the Council for discussion.

Attachments:

1. EMA Newsletter
2. FEB 6, 2017 Agenda for School Board meeting with financials
3. Thank you note to Chief Leonard/Police Department
4. Thank you note to A/C Metcalf
5. Thank you note to FD Members
6. Legislative Bulletin

Budget Hearings Underway

Property tax-related initiatives heads the lineup

On Monday this week, the Appropriations Committee convened with the members of the Taxation Committee to kick-off the month long hearing on the initiatives found within the pages of the FY 2018 – 2019 biennial General Fund budget, printed as LD 390.

Gov. Paul LePage provided an overview of his fourth and final biennial budget, highlighting the initiatives of greatest importance to his administration. The message was consistent and persistent, focusing on many of the proposals advanced by the Governor in both 2013 and 2015. In a nutshell, the 2017 edition of Gov. LePage's budget proposes to reduce the income tax, expand the sales tax base, redirect K-12 school expenditures from school administrators to teachers and students, and advance social services reforms.

The first week of hearings focused on the tax-related elements of the budget, including the revenue sharing, Homestead Exemption and Business Equipment Tax Exemption programs, and two-way telecommunications personal property tax authority.

Municipal Revenue Sharing Transfer at 2% Permanently. Through the adoption of the FY 2016–2017 General Fund budget in 2015, the Legislature temporarily reduced from 5% to 2% the portion of state sales and income tax revenue distributed to municipalities under the state/municipal revenue sharing program. As enacted, the temporary reduction in the total amount of revenue distributed to municipalities will expire in FY 2020, when 5% of state sales and income tax revenue again will be shared with municipalities.

As proposed by Gov. LePage, funding for the state/municipal revenue sharing

program would be permanently reduced to the 2% level.

No testimony in support of the proposal was offered at the hearing.

Sen. Shenna Bellows of Kennebec County, Phil Drew, Bangor tax assessor, Ben Sprague, Bangor city councilor, Ed Barrett, Lewiston city administrator and others provided testimony in opposition to the Governor's revenue sharing proposal.

The testimony offered by the opponents focused on the importance of maintaining the revenue sharing program

as a means of sharing the financial burdens of local government services among the income, sales and property taxpayers. According to the provided testimony, if in FY 2016 the revenue sharing program had been funded at 5%, the mill rate in Lewiston would have been reduced from 27 mills to 25 mills providing the average property taxpayer a savings of \$250. In the City of Bangor, the average taxpayer would have saved \$163.

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Signs in the Right of Way

As municipal officials are aware, state law governing the placement of informational signs in the public right of way was significantly amended last year in order to conform to a U.S. Supreme Court decision on the topic. That decision found that laws or regulations governing informational signs that established different standards for different signs based on each sign's content would be suspect as a possible infringement of free speech rights. Accordingly, all governments were advised to make their standards governing the installation of temporary informational signs "content neutral." Previously, political signs installed around election times were governed by standards that were different from signs identifying farmers' markets, church meetings, etc.

As a result of this required "content neutral" approach, there was a generic melding of the various informational sign standards into one common approach. Those common standards for temporary information signs are: (1) the sign can only be placed within the right of way for a

maximum of 6 weeks in the calendar year, (2) signs carrying the same or substantially same message must be placed at least 30 feet apart, (3) no temporary sign may exceed 4 feet by 8 feet in size, and (4) there must be labeling on the sign indicating the person or organization responsible for placing the sign, their address, and the designated time period the sign will be maintained in the right of way.

On Tuesday this week the Transportation Committee held a public hearing on a bill that would double the length of time any sign could stay in the public way and remove any obligation for the person or entity placing the sign to provide their contact information or identify the sign's specific six week period of installation.

LD 119, *An Act Regarding the Display and Content of Political Signs*, is sponsored by Rep. Ellie Espling of New Gloucester. When presenting the bill to the Committee, Rep. Espling said that since candidates for the State House typically participate in two elections in the even-

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has a substantially different approach to this area of public policy and is supporting an alternative revenue sharing bill. Unlike the approach found in the budget, LD 133 seeks to incrementally restore the percent of state sales and income tax revenue distributed under the program to the full 5% level in FY 2020. Under that legislation, 3% of total sales and income tax revenue (\$99 million) would be distributed under the revenue sharing program in FY 2018, 4% (\$136 million) in the following year, and in FY 2020 and subsequent years the distribution would return to the full 5% (\$173 million).

Municipal officials are hopeful that the Taxation Committee will support a proposal to incrementally restore revenue sharing to the 5% level in advance of FY 2020.

Amendments to the Homestead Exemption Program. Under existing law, on April 1, 2017, the value of the Homestead Exemption for all qualifying Maine residents is scheduled to increase from \$15,000 to \$20,000. The state reimbursement to municipalities for the lost property tax revenue will also increase from 50% to 62.5%.

Gov. LePage is proposing to amend the current Homestead Exemption program in two significant ways. First, only Maine residents 65 years of age and older would benefit from the \$20,000 exemption. All other homeowners would lose the homestead exemption altogether. Second, state reimbursement for the lost property tax revenue would be reduced from 62.5% to 50%. Assuming that approximately one-third of Maine's homeowners are 65 years of age and older, it is estimated that the Governor's proposal would deliver

\$31 million (instead of \$94 million) of property tax relief to 103,000 (instead of 308,000) residents statewide.

As was the case with the revenue sharing proposal, no testimony was presented in support of this initiative at the public hearing.

Many of the opponents of the Governor's revenue sharing proposal also raised concerns with the changes proposed to the Homestead Exemption program. Those providing testimony objected to the discriminatory age-based eligibility standard on the belief that the ability or inability of a homeowner to pay the property tax bill has no direct relationship to the homeowner's age. Many testified that the limitation will hurt those who need the exemption most, including single parents, young families and recent college graduates.

In Lewiston for example, the proposal to restrict the exemption to residents over 64 years of age would cost every non-senior resident a property tax increase of \$376. Bangor assessor Phil Drew also shared concerns with the proposed age-based limit. If the Governor's Homestead Exemption proposal is adopted, Bangor residents under the age of 65 who own median value homes (\$145,000) would experience a 10% (\$294) increase in their tax bill. Senior homeowners living in Bangor would experience a 5% (\$150) decrease in their property tax obligation.

BETR to BETE Conversion. The Governor's proposed budget also includes an initiative to convert the taxable property currently enrolled in the Business Equipment Reimbursement Program (BETR) to tax exempt status by transferring its enrollment into the Business Equipment Tax Exemption Program (BETE) over a four-year period.

The hearing on this element of the budget bill brought out a mix of proponents and opponents. The proponents of the bill, representatives of large industrial and commercial companies, support the bill because it provides financial predictability. Under the current law, companies with BETR enrolled property rely on a state appropriation for reimbursement for the property taxes paid to the municipality. In tough economic times, the rate of reimbursement provided by the Legislature has been reduced by 10 to 20 percent.

Through the exemption approach - enrollment in the BETE program - qualifying business personal property would not be taxed, thereby eliminating the need for the owners of commercial and industry personal property to negotiate with the Legislature for full reimbursement. Because Maine's Constitution requires the state to reimburse municipalities for 50% of lost property tax revenue, this initiative would shift 50%, roughly \$20 million annually, of the costs of the BETR program from the state to the municipal property taxpayers.

Municipal officials oppose the proposal for three reasons.

First, municipalities (and their property taxpayers) with high concentrations of property enrolled in the BETR program will bear the brunt of the conversion proposal upon enactment, but it doesn't stop there. All municipalities will be affected in six years from the date of implementation when approximately \$2.5 billion of taxable property becomes exempt and the state valuations of municipalities shift more suddenly than otherwise would be the case. As a result, the state aid program formulas that are based on a community's assessed value, including General Purpose Aid for education and municipal revenue sharing, as well as the county assessment system, will undergo significant turmoil.

Second, the administrative complexities of managing the four year conversion will fall upon the impacted municipalities as a significant unfunded state mandate.

Finally, municipal officials believe that a far less disruptive approach for eliminating the BETR program is to allow it to expire naturally. Since 2007, access to the BETR program has been closed off to new enrollments (except for retail personal property). The BETR program could fade away quickly provided the door is completely closed to new enrollments.

Taxation of Two-way Telecommunications Property. In contrast to the BETR proposal, the Governor's two-way telecommunications initiative seeks to expand the municipal property tax base. Under current law, the state is the taxing authority for two-way telecommunications personal property (e.g., telephone, broadband, etc.). As proposed, on April

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numbered years – a primary election and the general election – the six-week limit on sign installation cuts in half the amount of time they were able to place their signs in the right of way compared to the pre-existing law. Rep. Espling told the Committee that the new labeling requirement became effective in the middle of last summer which was also the middle of an election season and, therefore, created confusion among the political candidates. Sharpie pens were needed to meet the labeling requirement, and because the political signs are typically reused, the labeling of designated time periods will constantly change.

Also speaking in support of LD 119 was the Maine Farm Bureau, arguing that six weeks is not enough time to properly advertise for the farmers' markets and farm stands. Also in support, the Executive Director the Maine Republican Party pointed out that since there is no real enforcement of the sign installation standards, the law creates an unfair disadvantage for the candidate who follows the standards rigorously if their opponent on the ballot does not.

The Maine Department of Transportation (DOT) and the Maine Municipal Association (MMA) testified in opposition to LD 119. The DOT testimony focused on the proposed amendment in the bill that would allow a sign to be placed in the right of way for up to six weeks "before the event to which the sign relates" up to a maximum of 12 weeks a year. As a content-neutral law governing information signs, no "event" is necessary to create

an eligibility for sign placement. Linking eligibility to an event would impair the content neutrality of the statute, which could impair, in turn, the Department's ability to enforce the law without legal challenge.

MMA's testimony opposed repealing the requirement that the person installing the sign include contact information and the intended sign duration. Municipalities, primarily through their public works departments, get a lion's share of the responsibility for cleaning up the abandoned road signs and getting the signs' owners to take responsibility for them. Since there doesn't seem to be any organized enforcement system for this state law, municipalities also get roped into enforcing violations of the sign standards, at least

on the local roads, because no one else will and because individuals observing sign placement violations are not allowed to remove inappropriately placed signs.

Under current law, people can place informational signs, up to the size of a sheet of plywood, in the public right of way for 6 weeks in the year. The signs cannot be placed too closely together and must be labelled in order to reasonably assist those who are authorized to enforce whatever standards are on the books. Controlling the proliferation of roadside signage is a reasonable governmental function. If the standards in law are not being enforced, making them completely unenforceable is not an appropriate response.

The work session on LD 119 has not been scheduled.

Miles-Per-Gallon Mandate Defeated

On Monday this week the State and Local Government Committee voted unanimously against passage of LD 93, *An Act To Reduce Fuel Costs to State and Local Government*. As detailed in last week's Legislative Bulletin, the printed version of LD 93 sought to reduce fuel costs by mandating that local, county, and state governments purchase extremely fuel efficient vehicles, which do not come cheap.

At the Committee's work session, the bill's sponsor, Sen. David Miramant of Knox County, reiterated his intent only to require the consideration of fuel economy, not to necessarily mandate the actual purchase of fuel efficient vehicles.

He offered an amendment to this end.

However the amendment, which proposed to replace the fuel efficient vehicle purchasing mandate with a conversation mandate, still raised concerns with some members of the Committee. Several members explained how their communities scrutinize every detail of the budget, including the benefits of fuel efficient vehicles, in order to ensure property tax dollars are used as effectively as possible.

The session appeared instructive, as the sponsor explained he had not realized that municipalities were having these types of conversations before presenting LD 93.

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1, 2018 that property would become taxable at the local level, resulting in a shift of \$6.5 million of annual revenue from the state to municipal coffers.

Municipal officials and representatives of the telecommunications industry provided testimony in support of the proposed budget initiative.

Municipal officials support the proposed change because it rightfully provides communities the authority to tax two-way telecommunications property and helps to relieve some of the pressure currently placed on all other property

taxpayers.

Although the representative of the Telecommunications Association of Maine believes the proposal needs to be amended to ease the transition of taxing authority from the state to municipalities in the first year of implementation, the members of his Association are comfortable with the Governor's proposal. From their perspective, the property will be taxed by one entity or another.

Over the coming weeks the members of the Taxation Committee will meet to discuss the Governor's tax-related propos-

als. The Committee's tasks are to review the information provided at the public hearings, craft recommendations on how to implement (or not) the Governor's tax-related initiatives and report their findings to the Appropriations Committee. Once the appropriators receive reports from all legislative committees, they will then start the long process of developing the final budget.

Next Monday, Feb. 13 at 10 a.m., the Appropriations and Education Committees will explore the Governor's K-12 public education proposals.

LEGISLATIVE HEARINGS

Note: You should check your newspapers for Legal Notices as there may be changes in the hearing schedule. Weekly schedules for hearing schedules and work sessions can be found at: <http://legislature.maine.gov/Calendar/#PHWS/>.

Monday, February 13

Appropriations & Financial Affairs
Room 228, State House, 10:00 a.m.
Tel: 287-1316

LD 390 – Governor’s proposed biennial budget (in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committee on Education & Cultural Affairs)

K-12 Education funding (Part C). This proposal would change the structure of the state’s 55% K-12 Education funding obligation, sets the mill rate expectation, moves “system administration” outside the EPS model and onto the local cost, changes the “minimum subsidy” adjustment, sets the Special Education per-pupil weights, sets student-to-teacher ratios with respect to Title I subtractions, and directs the development of an entirely new school funding model, in addition to other miscellaneous changes.

Local Government Efficiency Fund (Part U). The proposed budget includes a \$10 million appropriation - \$5 million in each year of the biennium - to capitalize the Fund for the Efficient Delivery of Local and Regional Services.

Criminal Justice & Public Safety
Rm. 436, State House, 1:00 p.m.
Tel: 287-1122

LD 141 – Environment & Natural Resources An Act Regarding Certain Criminal Charges.

LD 179 – An Act To Make Creating a Police Standoff a Class E Crime.

LD 248 – An Act Regarding Law Enforcement Training for Former Military Police Officers.

Environment & Natural Resources
Room 216, Cross State Office Building, 10:00 a.m.
Tel: 287-4149

LD 182 – An Act to Protect Firefighters by Establishing a Prohibition on the Sale and Distribution of New Upholstered Furniture Containing Certain Flame-retardant Chemicals.

Marine Resources
Room 206, Cross State Office Building, 10:00 a.m.
Tel: 287-1337

LD 200 – An Act To Allow Certain Municipal Shellfish Conservation Wardens To Seize and Sell Marine Organisms Taken in Violation of a Shellfish Conservation Ordinance.

State & Local Government
Room 214, Cross State Office Building, 1:00 p.m.
Tel: 287-1330

LD 15 – An Act Concerning the Property Tax Levy Limit.

LD 23 – An Act To Provide for Legislative Review of Federally Mandated Major Substantive Rules under the Maine Administrative Procedure Act.

LD 150 – An Act Regarding the Funding of Volunteer Fire Departments.

LD 328 – An Act To Provide Funds To Encourage Regional Planning and Reorganization.

Veterans & Legal Affairs
Room 437, State House, 10:00 a.m.
Tel: 287-1310

LD 5 – Resolution, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Exclude Wildlife Issues from Citizen Initiatives.

LD 31 – Resolution, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Require That Signatures on a Direct Initiative of Legislation Come from Each Congressional District.

LD 53 – Resolution, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Prohibit Payment Per Signature for Citizen Petition Drives.

LD 212 – Resolution, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Require That Signatures on a Direct Initiative of Legislation Come from Each State Senatorial District.

LD 298 – An Act to Limit Agency Expenditures To Influence Elections.

Tuesday, February 14

Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry
Room 214, Cross State Office Building, 1:00 p.m.
Tel: 287-1312

LD 174 – An Act To Limit the Use of Pesticides on School Grounds.

Energy, Utilities & Technology
Room 211, Cross State Office Building, 1:00 p.m.
Tel: 287-4143

LD 256 – An Act To Ensure Continued Availability of High-speed Broadband Internet at Maine’s Schools and Libraries.

LD 258 – An Act To Amend the Charter of the Southwest Harbor Water and Sewer District.

Health & Human Services
Room 209, Cross State Office Building, 1:00 p.m.
Tel: 287-1317

LD 183 – An Act Regarding the Use of the Electronic Death Registration System.

LD 239 – An Act To Require National Banks To Cooperate in the Administration of the General Assistance Program.

Insurance & Financial Services
Room 220, State House, 1:00 p.m.
Tel: 287-1314

LD 237 – An Act To Establish a State Bank.

Transportation
Room 126, State House, 1:30 p.m.
Tel: 287-4148

LD 172 – An Act To Improve Officer Safety at Roadside Incidents.

LD 242 – An Act To Allow Extra Lights on the Front of a Motorcycle.

Wednesday, February 15

Appropriations & Financial Affairs
Room 228, State House, 10:00 a.m.
Tel: 287-1316

LD 390 – Governor’s proposed biennial budget (in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation)

100% General Fund Support of State Police Patrol Services (Part NNNNN). Currently, state police expenses for the patrol of state rural highways, the Maine Turnpike and the interstate system is shared between the General Fund (65%) and the Highway Fund (35%). This proposal would shift 100% of the funding to the General Fund, resulting in a \$40 million increase in Highway Fund revenues over the next two years.

Criminal Justice & Public Safety
Rm. 436, State House, 9:00 a.m.
Tel: 287-1122

LD 251 – An Act Regarding Refusing To Submit to Arrest or Detention.

LD 321 – An Act To Enhance Safety of School Property.

LD 332 – An Act Regarding Service of Criminal Process on Electronic Communication Service Providers and Remote Computing Service Providers.

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Education & Cultural Affairs

Room 202, Cross State Office Building, 2:00 p.m.
Tel: 287-3125

LD 143 – An Act To Provide for Upgrades of Learning Spaces and Other Projects Funded by the School Revolving Renovation Fund.

State & Local Government

Room 214, Cross State Office Building, 9:00 a.m.
Tel: 287-1330

LD 329 – An Act Concerning the Law Governing the Posting of Newspaper Legal Notices and the Statewide Repository of Legal Notices.

Taxation

Room 127, State House, 1:00 p.m.
Tel: 287-1552

LD 235 – An Act To Repeal the Service Provider Tax.

Veterans & Legal Affairs

Room 437, State House, 9:00 a.m.
Tel: 287-1310

LD 121 – An Act To Require Photographic Identification to Vote.

LD 155 – An Act To Protect Voting Integrity by Establishing a Residency Verification Requirement for Purposes of Voting.

Thursday, February 16

Education & Cultural Affairs

Room 202, Cross State Office Building, 1:00 p.m.
Tel: 287-3125

LD 322 – An Act To Reintroduce Civics to High School Graduation Requirements.

Energy, Utilities & Technology

Room 211, Cross State Office Building, 1:30 p.m.
Tel: 287-4143

LD 55 – An Act to Provide Funding for the Restoration of China Lake.

LD 104 – An Act To Change the Time and Location of the Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Kittery Water District.

Labor, Commerce, Research & Economic Development

Room 208, Cross State Office Building, 2:00 p.m.
Tel: 287-1331

LD 165 – An Act To Provide Matching Funds for Federal Community Development Block Grants.

Transportation

Room 126, State House, 1:00 p.m.
Tel: 287-4148

LD 207 – Resolve, To Designate a Bridge in East Machias as the Norman E. Bagley Memorial Bridge.

LD 208 – An Act To Add Vehicles Hauling Animal Bedding to Those Exempt from Posted Road Restrictions.

LD 209 – An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Temporary Sign Usage.

LD 216 – Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation To Erect Signs on Interstate 95 Directing Motorists To Lincoln.

LD 236 – An Act To Update Accessibility Requirements on Highways.

Friday, February 17

Veterans & Legal Affairs

Room 437, State House, 10:00 a.m.
Tel: 287-1310

LD 297 – An Act To Improve the Administration of Election Recounts.

LD 299 – An Act To Increase Voter Knowledge by Placing the Amount of the Total Current Bond Debt on Each Ballot That Contains a Bond Issue.

IN THE HOPPER

(The bill summaries are written by MMA staff and are not necessarily the bill's summary statement or an excerpt from that summary statement. During the course of the legislative session, many more bills of municipal interest will be printed than there is space in the *Legislative Bulletin* to describe. Our attempt is to provide a description of what would appear to be the bills of most significance to local government, but we would advise municipal officials to also review the comprehensive list of LDs of municipal interest that can be found on MMA's website, www.memun.org.)

Appropriations & Financial Affairs

LD 292 – An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Invest in Maine's Rail Infrastructure and Expand Passenger Rail Service. (Sponsored by Rep. Sheats of Auburn; additional cosponsors.)

This bill sends out to the voters a proposed \$50 million bond issue for the purpose of investing in Maine's rail infrastructure and expand passenger rail service.

LD 316 – An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Railways. (Sponsored by Sen. Miramant of Knox Cty; additional cosponsors.)

This bill sends out to the voters a proposed \$50 million bond issue for the enhancement of existing railway service and for the expansion of railway service.

LD 317 – An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Improve Highways, Bridges and Multimodal Facilities. (Sponsored by Sen. Miramant of Knox Cty; additional cosponsors.)

This bill sends out to the voters a proposed \$100 million bond issue to improve the state's highways, bridges and multimodal transportation facilities.

LD 318 – An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Support Economic Development with High-Resolution Geospatial Data.

(Sponsored by Sen. Saviello of Franklin Cty; additional cosponsors.)

This bill sends out to the voters a proposed \$6 million bond issue to provide partnership funds and matching grants for geospatial data acquisition to communities that are creating or improving digital parcel maps for the purpose of accurately identifying existing boundaries and land use, identifying potential community development areas and protecting environmental resources.

LD 319 – An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Riverfront Community Development. (Sponsored by Sen. Deschambault of York; additional cosponsors.)

This bill sends out to the voters a proposed \$25 million bond issue to enhance investments in economic revitalization, environmental improvements and community betterment projects along the rivers of the state.

LD 467 – An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Address Changes in Sea Level. (Sponsored by Rep. Devin of Newcastle; additional cosponsors.)

This bill sends out to the voters a proposed \$5 million bond issue to support improvements to sea level prediction models by providing more detailed mapping of coastal zones and monitoring sea level

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changes in order to mitigate the impact of rising sea levels.

LD 520 – An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Increase Rural Maine's Access to Broadband Internet Service. (Sponsored by Rep. Berry of Bowdoinham; additional cosponsors.)

This bill sends to the voters a proposed \$100 million bond issue for the provision of broadband internet service in unserved and underserved areas of the state through the ConnectME Authority (or successor organization) partnerships with private, municipal and nongovernmental service providers.

Criminal Justice & Public Safety

LD 443 – An Act To Allow Municipally Funded Hospitals To Prohibit the Presence of Firearms on Their Property. (Emergency) (Sponsored by Sen. Davis of Piscataquis Cty; additional cosponsors.)

This bill allows a municipally funded hospital to restrict possession or use of firearms and firearms-related items on property used by the municipally funded hospital.

LD 463 – An Act To Improve the Funding of County Jails. (Sponsored by Rep. Martin of Sinclair; additional cosponsors.)

This bill makes two substantive changes to the law governing the charges that can be assessed when prisoners are transferred between "sending" and "receiving" jails and the limitations on the amount of the annual increase in the assessment on the municipal property taxpayers to cover the cost of jail operations. With respect to the transfer of prisoners between the sending and receiving jails, the bill repeals the existing language that imposes certain limitations and straightforwardly allows the receiving jails to charge a per-diem rate up to \$108. With respect to the year-to-year limitation on the assessments on the assessments on the municipal tax base, the bill restricts the annual growth to no more than the county's "LD 1" assessment limit. Current law restricts the annual growth to either the LD 1 limit or 3%, whichever is less.

LD 474 – An Act To Allow a Public Safety Answering Point To Be Reimbursed for Training Costs. (Sponsored by Rep. Dillingham of Oxford; additional cosponsors.)

This bill provides for the reimbursement of a public safety answering point's (PSAP) training costs for a dispatcher who finds employment at another PSAP within 5 years of completion of training by the Emergency Services Communication Bureau. The level of required reimbursement for the full costs of the training is prorated depending on the number of years that have passed since the conclusion of the training and the start date of the new-found employment.

LD 516 – An Act To Reduce the Cost of Pretrial Detention. (Sponsored by Sen. Dion of Cumberland Cty; additional cosponsors.)

This bill requires a law enforcement agency that commits a prisoner to the sheriff's charge prior to arraignment on a nonviolent Class D or Class E crime to reimburse the sheriff for each day that the prisoner is held by the sheriff prior to arraignment and to pay a one-time surcharge of \$50. The per-diem rate to be paid by the law enforcement agency is the same per-diem rate established by the Department of Corrections for the purposes of funding county jail operations.

Education & Cultural Affairs

LD 397 – An Act To Ensure the 3 Percent Tax on Incomes over \$200,000 Is Distributed Proportionately Based on Student Counts. (Sponsored by Rep. Malaby of Hancock.)

This bill requires the additional school subsidy distributed as a result of the school funding citizen initiative adopted by the voters last November to be distributed entirely on the basis of each school system's pupil count and regardless of the school system's local cost share expectation.

LD 420 – An Act To Require Same-year State Valuations for Education Funding Purposes for Municipalities That Lose More Than 35 Percent of Their Tax Base. (Sponsored by Rep. Austin of Skowhegan; additional cosponsors.)

This bill creates an exception to the way a municipality's certified valuation is used to determine its "fiscal capacity" for the purpose of school subsidy distribution. Under the terms of the bill, when a municipality's valuation declines more than 35% from the preceding year and the loss in value is attributable to a single taxpayer, the most recent certified valuation must be used to determine the "fiscal capacity" rather than the preceding three-year rolling average.

Energy, Utilities & Technology

LD 257 – An Act To Enable Municipalities Working with Utilities To Establish Microgrids. (Sponsored by Rep. Devin of Newcastle; additional cosponsors.)

This "concept draft" bill proposes to establish measures to allow municipalities, working cooperatively with electrical utilities, to create "microgrids", which are described in the concept draft proposal as electricity distribution systems consisting of distributed energy sources, including demand management, storage and generation and loads capable of operating in parallel with, or independently from, the main power grid.

LD 421 – An Act To Promote Economic Development and Critical Communications for Rural Family Farms, Businesses and Residences by Strategic Public Investments in High-speed Internet. (Sponsored by Rep. McCrea of Fort Fairfield; additional cosponsors.)

This "concept draft" bill proposes to increase funding to the ConnectME Authority from \$1 million to \$5 million to expand universal broadband and high-speed internet into rural areas of the state.

LD 422 – An Act To Facilitate the Creation of the Maine Water Trust To Regulate and Protect Maine's Water Supply and To Ensure the Quantity and Quality of Maine's Drinking Water. (Sponsored by Rep. Sylvester of Portland; additional cosponsors.)

This bill imposes a two year moratorium on new contracts or agreements by consumer-owned water utilities, municipalities, state agencies or other governmental entities involving or allowing the extraction of more than 75,000 gallons of groundwater during any week or more than 50,000 gallons of groundwater on any day, with an exception for extraction solely for agricultural use or storage for agricultural use. The bill also establishes a 10-member working group that is charged during the period of the moratorium to develop the Maine Water Trust. The working group must develop and recommend laws that establish the control and dominion of the state government over all groundwater in the state and the trust must be designed to monitor groundwater levels and quantity, determine the quantities of groundwater that can be accessed for commercial use, regulate the use of groundwater for commercial purposes and inventory water infrastructure, including municipal drinking water and wastewater pipelines. The working group's report and recommendations must be submitted to the Legislature by January 15, 2019.

Environment & Natural Resources

LD 349 – An Act To Establish a Mattress Stewardship Program. (Sponsored by Sen. Saviello of Franklin Cty; additional cosponsor.)

This bill establishes a stewardship program for discarded mattresses. Following a relatively standard stewardship program structure, the manufacturers of mattresses or an association of those manufacturers are required to submit a plan to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for the establishment of the stewardship program within a year of the effective date of the legislation. Ten required elements of that plan are detailed in the bill. Once the submitted plan is approved by the DEP, the operator of the plan will begin administering the program which allows any mattress retailer, wholesaler, municipality or solid waste management facility to voluntarily serve as a collection location for discarded mattresses. The operator of the stewardship plan must underwrite all costs of pick-up and transportation from the

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collection sites, and the collection sites may not charge fees of any kind to those depositing the mattress for the collection service, nor may the operators or collection sites discriminate with respect to the brand-name mattresses they accept or transport. The program is paid for by a separate assessment, as approved by the DEP, on the sale of all mattresses in the state.

LD 375 – An Act To Establish a Carpet Stewardship Program. (Sponsored by Sen. Saviello of Franklin Cty; additional cosponsors.)

This bill establishes a stewardship program for discarded carpets that parallels the proposed program for mattresses (see LD 349).

LD 385 – An Act To Establish a Stewardship Program for Certain Rechargeable Batteries. (Sponsored by Sen. Saviello of Franklin Cty; additional cosponsor.)

This bill establishes a stewardship program for certain rechargeable batteries that parallels the proposed program for mattresses and carpets (see LDs 349 and 375).

LD 400 – An Act Regarding the Construction or Placement of Decks within the Shoreland Zone. (Sponsored by Rep. Turner of Burlington; additional cosponsors.)

This bill authorizes municipalities to adopt ordinance provisions under the shoreland zoning law that would allow the construction of a deck on a private residence that extends into the shoreline setback area provided the deck was no larger than 192 square feet, is for residential use or storage of small watercraft or portable docks, does not extend over or into the waterbody or wetland, and the construction of which does not create a cleared opening greater than 250 square feet in the forest canopy.

Health & Human Services

LD 518 – An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Burial or Cremation of Certain Persons. (Sponsored by Sen. Brakey of Androscoggin Cty; additional cosponsor.)

This bill amends General Assistance (GA) law with respect to the responsibility of certain relatives to financially contribute toward the costs of burial or cremation of deceased person determined potentially eligible for GA. To the current list of responsible relatives, the bill adds the decedent's spouse or domestic partner. The bill also strikes the provision of current law that restricts potentially responsible relatives to persons who live or own property in Maine.

Inland Fisheries & Wildlife

LD 359 – An Act To Protect Maine Lakes and Ponds from Invasive Species. (Sponsored by Rep. Ginzler of Bridgton; additional cosponsors.)

This bill requires all non-motorized watergoing vessels, boats, canoes or craft, excepting houseboats, to be fitted with an "invasive species" sticker obtained in the same way as motorized watercraft registrations for a fee of \$5.00, 25 cents of which is retained by the agent issuing the sticker. The fees collected by the state are dedicated to the Invasive Aquatic Plant and Nuisance Species Fund.

Labor, Commerce, Research & Economic Development

LD 488 – An Act To Provide for Municipalities To Allow Grocery Stores up to 10,000 Square Feet To Open on Thanksgiving, Easter and Christmas. (Sponsored by Rep. Gillway of Searsport; additional cosponsors.)

This bill authorizes a municipality by ordinance to allow grocery stores with no more than 10,000 square feet of interior customer selling space to be open on Easter Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

LD 489 – An Act To Ensure Firefighters Receive Cancer Treatment Pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 39-A. (Sponsored by Rep. Seavey of Kennebunkport; additional cosponsor.)

Under current law there is a "rebuttable presumption" in Workers'

Compensation law that if a municipal firefighter contracts one of ten types of cancer, the cancer was contracted as a result of that person's employment as a firefighter and the claim is compensable. This bill amends that law to establish the presumption as conclusive rather than rebuttable, so the compensability of the cancer claim would be automatic.

Marijuana Legalization Implementation

LD 499 – An Act To Allow Municipalities To Prohibit Retail Marijuana Facilities in Safe Zones. (Sponsored by Rep. Austin of Skowhegan; additional cosponsors.)

This bill allows municipalities by ordinance to prohibit the location of retail marijuana establishments and retail marijuana social clubs within any youth congregation "safe zone" designated by the municipality.

Marine Resources

LD 539 – An Act To Allow Municipalities To Establish Shellfish Conservation Areas. (Sponsored by Rep. Spear of South Thomaston; additional cosponsors.)

This bill allows municipalities or regional shellfish management committees to designate conservation areas where harvesting any marine organism is prohibited. The conservation areas, in aggregate, may not exceed 10% of the total harvestable area in the intertidal zone, and must be marked with signs that identify the municipality or regional shellfish management committee that designated the area and indicate the purpose of the area.

State & Local Government

LD 540 – An Act To Help Municipalities Prepare for Sea Level Rise. (Sponsored by Rep. Blume of York; additional cosponsors.)

This bill amends the laws governing municipal and multi-municipal comprehensive planning to add an additional goal in the list of goals which form the foundation of the growth management law. The additional goal is to plan for the effects in sea level on buildings, transportation infrastructure, sewage treatment facilities and other relevant infrastructure proximate to the coastal area. In the section of law detailing the elements of a comprehensive plan, the bill authorizes coastal municipalities to include projections regarding changes in sea level and the potential effects of the rise in sea level on those same types of infrastructure.

Taxation

LD 433 – An Act To Allow Municipalities To Apply a Local Option Sales Tax to the Sale of Marijuana. (Sponsored by Rep. Rykerson of Kittery; additional cosponsors.)

This bill authorizes a municipality that approves the location of a retail marijuana store or social club to impose, presumably by ordinance, a local option sales tax that would piggyback on the 10% state tax that current law imposes on the retail sale of marijuana. The local option sales tax revenue would be collected and issued to the state treasurer by the retailer in the same manner as the state sales tax revenue. In conjunction with Maine Revenue Services, the local option portion of the collected revenue would then be remitted to the municipality.

LD 492 – An Act To Restore Revenue Sharing. (Sponsored by Rep. Tepler of Topsham; additional cosponsors.)

This bill is designed to restore the percentage of state sales and income tax revenue dedicated to the municipal revenue sharing program to its historic 5% level rather than the temporary 2% level that was enacted into law in 2015. The bill ramps up to the 5% level over a three year period by restoring the 5% standard in law more or less immediately but authorizing the state to "transfer" specific amounts of revenue out of the revenue sharing program and into the state's General Fund for the remainder of FY 2018 and throughout FY 2019.

LD 493 – An Act To Tax the Extraction of Water for Certain
(continued on page 8)

HOPPER (cont.)

Commercial Purposes and Fund Water Quality Programs. (Sponsored by Rep. Melaragno of Auburn; additional cosponsors.)

This bill creates an excise tax of 1 cent per 25 gallons of groundwater or surface water extracted from springs or other underground sources by a bottled water operator that extracted more than 1 million gallons in the previous calendar year if the water is packaged for sale. The excise tax revenue is dedicated to the Maine Water Quality Testing and Monitoring Fund, established by this bill. 85% of the resources in that Fund is dedicated to well water testing programs and 15% is dedicated to lake water quality monitoring and support.

Transportation

LD 393 – An Act To Clarify That the Department of Transportation Is Exempt from Property Assessment Liabilities When Acquiring Property by Condemnation. (Sponsored by Rep. Gillway of Searsport; additional cosponsors.)

This bill provides as a “clarification” that when the Department of Transportation acquires property by condemnation, neither the Department nor the former property owner are responsible for paying the property taxes assessed against that property for any prorated period of time of the tax year after the Department’s acquisition.

LD 500 – An Act To Allow the Formation of Transportation Corridor Districts. (Sponsored by Sen. Miramant of Knox Cty; additional cosponsors.)

This bill authorizes a municipality or a group of municipalities to form a transportation corridor district for the purposes of funding public transportation and accessibility needs, including passenger rail, ferry, bus, bicycle and pedestrian facilities and routes, and promoting economic development at transportation station areas and in downtown

areas. The bill details the district formation procedures, which include required public hearings with notice provided to all property owners within the proposed district and notice to municipalities adjoining the proposed district and the Department of Transportation. The creation of a transportation corridor district requires the approval of voters in each participating municipality by referendum.

Veterans & Legal Affairs

LD 439 – An Act To Allow Voters To Choose Ongoing Absentee Voter Status. (Sponsored by Rep. Fecteau of Biddeford; additional cosponsors.)

This bill establishes a procedure to allow a voter to be provided ongoing absentee voter status upon application to the Secretary of State. Upon the Secretary’s approval and notification to the municipality, the municipal clerk is directed to automatically mail an absentee ballot to the voter with ongoing status for every election until such a time as the status is terminated by the Secretary for one (or more) of five reasons listed in the bill.

LD 440 – An Act To Expand Absentee Balloting To Include Certain Residents in Independent Living Facilities. (Sponsored by Rep. Hogan of Old Orchard Beach; additional cosponsors.)

Current law requires municipal election clerks to designate one or more times during the 30-day period prior to an election when the municipal election personnel shall be set up in licensed nursing homes, residential care facilities and assisted housing programs, each with 6 or more beds, for the purpose of conducting absentee balloting for those facilities’ residents. This bill extends that requirement to independent living facilities providing housing for senior citizens as long as the company managing the facility has made a request for that service.

Pete

Jan. 24, 2017

Thank you very much
for helping keep me safe
last week. It was nice
to see you (not for the
old smoke alarms).

Marion Smith

Dear Pete, Kate, Adorn,

Thank you so much for coming
to my Blacore Sunday night when
I Packed myself out of my
Condo at Veezie Villas.

You braved the freezing
cold weather to assist me in
gaining access to my home. I
can not say Thank You Enough.

Sincerely, Diane Reynolds

Chuf Leonard et al.

Thank you for your
respectful support and under-
standing. There are no words to
describe the intensity of my
gratitude. Clare Michael
Mooney



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⚠ DANGER



NEVER use inside a home or garage, **EVEN IF** doors and windows are open.

if you

SEE
something
SAY
something™

Report suspicious activity
call **911**

Penobscot EMA What's new???

Newsletter Date February 2017

Ninth Annual Maine Partners in Emergency Preparedness Conference



Online Registration is now open for attendees and presenters!

**Tuesday and Wednesday, April 25 and 26, 2017
Augusta Civic Center, Augusta, Maine**

The Conference will feature more than 40 individual workshops and meetings offered over the two days. An early 'Draft' Agenda (subject to change) is available at registration.

The overall theme for this conference is Threats to People & Infrastructure, in addition to other related Emergency Management topics. The presentations may involve any of the five mission areas of Emergency Management: Prevention, Protection, Mitigation, Response or Recovery.

The agenda will continue to be refined as the Conference draws closer. The keynote speaker for day one will be focused on the Boston Marathon bombing. The keynote speaker for day two will focus on the challenges from Hurricane Matthew in North Carolina.

Online registration for participants **and exhibitors** is now open. There is no charge for attending the conference. There is a small fee for exhibitors, but no charge for not-for-profit and government exhibitors.

The Conference is a partnership among the State Emergency Response Commission, The Maine Emergency Management Agency and the Maine Association of Local Emergency Managers.

Don't miss this two-day learning experience with statewide and national preparedness partners.

Winter Preparedness

A winter storm occurs when there is significant precipitation and the temperature is low enough that the precipitation forms as sleet or snow, or when rain turns to ice. A winter storm can range from freezing rain and ice, to moderate snowfall over a few hours, to a blizzard that lasts for several days. Many winter storms are accompanied by dangerously low temperatures.

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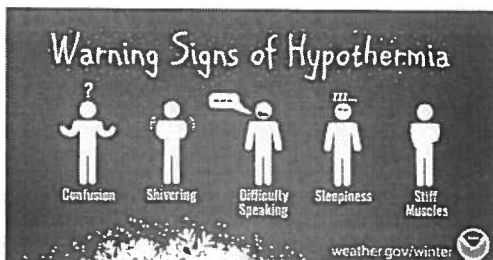
- ◆ Have a disaster emergency kit
- ◆ Make a communications plan. Your family may not be together so it is important to know how you will contact one another
- ◆ Discuss emergency notification plans with workplace and/or schools
- ◆ Download FEMA's Be Smart. Know Your Alerts and Warnings for a summary of notifications
- ◆ Install battery-powered or battery back-up carbon monoxide detectors
- ◆ Be alert to changing weather conditions using local alerts, radio, and other news sources for information and instructions
- ◆ Bring pets inside
- ◆ Minimize travel. If travel is necessary, keep a disaster supply kit in your vehicle.

DURING

- ◆ Stay indoors as much as possible
- ◆ Walk carefully on snowy, icy sidewalks
- ◆ Avoid overexertion when shoveling
- ◆ Keep dry. Change wet clothes to avoid loss of body heat
- ◆ If power goes out, close off unused rooms to consolidate and retain heat
- ◆ Do not heat a home with a stove or outdoor cooking equipment (e.g., grill, camp stove)
- ◆ If driving is absolutely necessary, keep a disaster supply kit in your vehicle
- ◆ If you are outdoors, protect yourself from frostbite and hypothermia by wearing several layers of warm, loose fitting clothing
- ◆ If you do not have adequate supplies to stay warm in your home and you can get there safely, you may want to go to a shelter.

When your body temperature sinks below 96°F, you have hypothermia, a serious health hazard that occurs when body temperature is lowered too much. Hypothermia can occur in temperatures as warm as 60°F, particularly in water or if you are outside a long time and not dressed for the weather.

Remember these tips to help prevent hypothermia:



- ◆ Dress in layers
- ◆ Avoid breezes and drafts indoors
- ◆ Eat nutritious food and wear warm clothes to ward off winter chill
- ◆ Wear a warm hat in the winter
- ◆ Eat hot foods and drink warm drinks several times during the day
- ◆ Wrap up well when going outside in the cold
- ◆ If you live alone, ask a family member or neighbor to check on you daily
- Ask your doctor if any medicine you are taking increases your risk of hypothermia

River Watch 2017

These information sources will help you keep informed about flood potential at any time of the year.

We also connect you to information about flood mitigation, flood insurance and preparedness. Please take a moment to review how you can protect your family and your business from Maine's number one hazard.

Tracking Current Conditions

Maine Cooperative Snow Survey

Northeast River Forecast Center

NWS: Flood Potential and Forecasts (Inland and Coastal)

USGS NWIS Real-Time Streamflow Data for Maine

Flood Mitigation, Preparedness and Safety

Floodsmart.gov

Maine Floodplain Management Program

Maine Prepares: Flood Preparedness and Safety

(Taken from: River Flow Advisory Commission website: <http://www.maine.gov/rfac/riverwatch.shtml>)



River Flow Advisory Commission

The Maine River Flow Advisory Commission is composed of representatives from eight major river basin management operations, seven state agencies, two federal agencies and the University of Maine.

The Commission was originally formed after the spring floods of 1983 to improve the exchange of hydrologic information collected by the members, to review the data, and to provide information to emergency action agencies and the public. It was created in statute by the Legislature in 1997.

Annual Meeting of the River Flow Advisory Commission.

The Commission will discuss factors affecting spring flood potential, including current stream flow, snow pack, reservoir storage, river ice cover and weather outlook.

Date: March 9, 2017

Time: 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Location: MEMA Offices

45 Commerce Drive

Augusta, Maine



1987 Kennebec River at Hallowell

DRAFT Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions: co-chairs
- Stream Flow and Groundwater: USGS
- River Ice Conditions: USGS
- Snow Survey Data: MGS/USGS
- Storage Conditions: River Basin Managers, DEP
- Weather Summary and Outlook: NWS Gray and Caribou
- Ice Breaking Report: USCG
- Flood Insurance Program Update: DAF/ Floodplain Management
- Network Update: USGS
- Other News/Business: co-chairs
- Summary/Headlines: co-chairs
- Next Steps: co-chairs

Training Opportunities

- ICS 300 - Incident Command System-- Intermediate

Date: February 22-23, 2017 8:15 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Location: MEMA, Augusta

Contact: Mike Grant, MEMA 624-4400

Registration: Send FEMA Form 119-25-1 to: Mike Grant, MEMA. michael.f.grant.maine.gov

- G 290 - Basic Public Information Officer Course

Date: March 7-8, 2017 8:15 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Location: Jeff's Catering, Brewer, ME

Contact: Mike Grant, MEMA 624-4400

Registration: Send FEMA Form 119-25-1 to: Mike Grant, MEMA. michael.f.grant.maine.gov

- Sports & Special Events Incident Management MGT 404 136

Date April 4-5, 2017 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Location: Cross Insurance Arena | Civic Center Square, Portland, ME

Contact: Mary McElman, 892-6785 or email: McElman@cumberlandcounty.org

- ICS 300—Incident Command System—Intermediate

Date: April 4-7, 2017 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Location: Coast Guard Sector Northern New England's Monument Square campus, 2nd floor

Contact: BMC Ben Hicks, 741-5450 ben.l.hicks@uscg.mil

- ICS 300 - Incident Command System-- Intermediate

Date: April 13-14, 2017

Location: Central Maine Medical Center, Lewiston, ME

Kris Gammon, Operations Manager, CMRRC 795-2962 gammonkr@cmhc.org

- ICS 400—Incident Command System—Advance

Date: April 20, 2017

Location: MEMA, Augusta

Contact: Mike Grant, MEMA 624-4400

Registration: Send FEMA Form 119-25-1 to: Mike Grant, MEMA. michael.f.grant.maine.gov

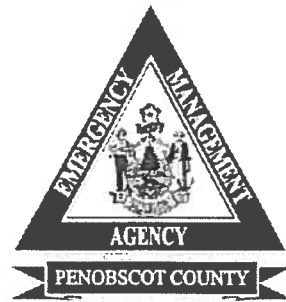
- Jurisdictional Threat & Hazard ID & Risk Assessment (MGT-310)

Date: May 23-24, 2017, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Location: MEMA, Augusta

Contact: Mike Grant, MEMA 624-4400

Registration: Send FEMA Form 119-25-1 to: Mike Grant, MEMA. michael.f.grant.maine.gov



Notification:

FEMA: Standard Training Application 119-25-1

<https://training.fema.gov/apply/119-25-1>

Don't forget to apply for your FEMA SID number when applying.



During an emergency, stay informed:

Pay close attention to local news, especially to emergency instructions.

Dial 2-1-1 toll free, or visit <http://211maine.org/> to learn about any important safety messages, or whether an emergency shelter is open in your area.



Training Opportunities (continued)

- Advanced Critical Infrastructure Protection (MGT-414)

Date: May 25, 2017 8:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

Location: MEMA, Augusta **CLASS FULL**

Daisy Mueller, MEMA 624-4404, daisy.mueller@maine.gov

Prerequisites: None, however, attendance in AWR-213 is highly recommended. If attendance is not possible, completion of the IS-860 online course is sug-

Local Training Opportunities

- Emera Pole Safety Training

Date: February 6th, 2017 Time: 6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.

Location: East Millinocket Public Safety Building; Fire Dept. Main Street, East Millinocket, ME

Contact: Michelle Tanguay, Penobscot County EMA Director 945-4750

Email: mtanguay@penobscot-county.net

- Disaster Triage & Patient Tracking

Date: March 4, 2017 Time: 8:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Location: East Millinocket Municipal Building; 53 Main Street, E. Millinocket, ME

Contact: Michelle Tanguay, Penobscot County EMA Director 945-4750

Email: mtanguay@penobscot-county.net

Exercise Schedule

Date: April 10, 2017

E. Millinocket MCI Functional TTX

Time: 3:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m.

Location: E. Millinocket FD - Public Safety Building

Contact: Michelle Tanguay, 945-4750

Email: mtanguay@penobscot-county.net

Date: May 16, 2017

BIA Full Scale

Time: 8:00 a.m.

Location: Bangor International Airport

Contact: Michelle Tanguay, 945-4750

Email: mtanguay@penobscot-county.net

Date: May 20, 2017

E. Millinocket MCI Full Scale

Time: 8:00 a.m.

Location: *More to come as it is worked out.*

Contact: Michelle Tanguay, 945-4750

Email: mtanguay@penobscot-county.net

Penobscot County Webpage

www.penobscotema.squarespace.com

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Penobscot County Emergency Management on Facebook



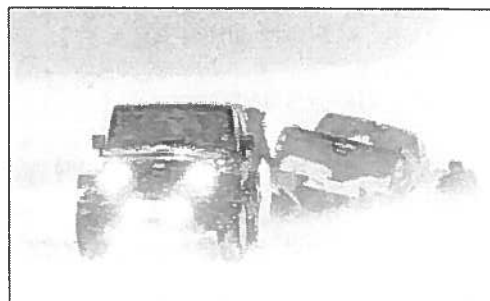
Find us on Facebook too! Just search Penobscot County Emergency Management Agency.

We post updates as they happen. Drills, training, Maine Prepare tips, FEMA and NWS notices, .

Maine Prepares



When communities come together, they can weather any storm.



Have a winter car kit in your vehicle. You never know how long you may be out there.

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: February 6, 2017

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 January 9, 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 (Exhibit)

- X. Superintendent Report
 - A. January Financials (Exhibits)
 - B. MSMA Newsletter (Exhibit)
 - C. Negotiations
 - D. Administrative Services
- XI. New Business
 - A. Discuss and act on first reading of 2017-2018 school calendar. (Exhibit)
 - B. Discuss and act on grant proposal. (Exhibit)
- XII. Old Business
- XIII. Board Policy
 - A. Discuss second reading and adoption of Policy GCK, Professional Staff Assignments and Transfers (Exhibit)
- XIV. Request for Information
- XV. Next Meeting - March 6, 2017
- XVI. Adjournment

Veazie School Department YTD Revenue

Report # 2842

Statement Code: Revenue

Account Number / Description	Adopted Budget	Current Period	Reported Period	Amount Remaining	Percent Remaining
	7/1/2016 - 6/30/2017	1/1/2017 - 1/31/2017	7/1/2016 - 1/31/2017	7/1/2016 - 1/31/2017	7/1/2016 - 1/31/2017
1000-0000-0000-41211-000 Local Allocation - Veazie	(1,878,290.00)	(156,524.17)	(1,095,669.19)	(782,620.81)	41.66%
1000-0000-0000-41213-000 Additional Local Funds - Veazie	(950,463.72)	(79,205.31)	(554,437.17)	(396,026.55)	41.66%
1000-0000-0000-41322-000 Tuition - Elementary	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	---
1000-0000-0000-41325-000 Tuition-Special Education Elementary	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	---
1000-0000-0000-41510-000 Interest Income	0.00	(1,144.76)	(5,910.20)	5,910.20	---
1000-0000-0000-41910-000 Use of Facilities	0.00	(40.00)	(360.00)	360.00	---
1000-0000-0000-41984-000 Refund Prior Year's Expenditures	0.00	0.00	(29.00)	29.00	---
1000-0000-0000-41991-000 Refund MSMA WC premium	0.00	0.00	(508.00)	508.00	---
1000-0000-0000-43110-000 State Allocation - Veazie	(814,269.29)	(69,452.03)	(486,164.21)	(328,105.08)	40.29%
1000-0000-0000-43111-000 State Subsidy/Debt Service	(287,450.13)	0.00	(268,295.00)	(19,155.13)	6.66%
1000-0000-0000-44340-000 E-Rate	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	---
1000-0000-0000-45000-000 Veazie Balance Forward	(226,708.53)	0.00	0.00	(226,708.53)	100.00%
GRAND TOTAL	\$(4,157,181.67)	\$(306,366.27)	\$(2,411,372.77)	\$(1,745,808.90)	41.99%

Veazie School Department
Budget by Warrant Articles - Total

Report # 2843

Statement Code: Articles T

Account Number / Description	Adopted Budget	Amendments	Amended Budget	YTD Expended	Encumbrances	Amount Remaining	Percent Remaining
	7/1/2016 - 6/30/2017	7/1/2016 - 6/30/2017	7/1/2016 - 6/30/2017	7/1/2016 - 1/31/2017	7/1/2016 - 1/31/2017	7/1/2016 - 1/31/2017	7/1/2016 - 1/31/2017
Total Article 1 - Reg Instr.	\$2,176,942.71	\$0.00	\$2,176,942.71	\$1,001,801.90	\$2,410.15	\$1,172,730.66	53.87%
Total Article 2 - Sp/Ed Instr.	\$741,764.88	\$0.00	\$741,764.88	\$285,994.58	\$267.10	\$455,503.20	61.40%
Total Article 3 - CTE Instr.	\$29,021.00	\$0.00	\$29,021.00	\$15,436.26	\$0.00	\$13,584.74	46.81%
Total Article 4 - Other Instr.	\$37,036.36	\$0.00	\$37,036.36	\$14,049.88	\$300.00	\$22,786.48	61.52%
Total Article 5 - Stu & Staff	\$223,716.31	\$0.00	\$223,716.31	\$111,685.82	\$1,207.83	\$110,822.66	49.53%
Total Article 6 - System Admin	\$101,817.54	\$0.00	\$101,817.54	\$57,767.45	\$0.00	\$44,050.09	43.26%
Total Article 7 - Schl Admin.	\$124,480.71	\$0.00	\$124,480.71	\$73,567.28	\$166.75	\$50,746.68	40.76%
Total Article 8 - Transport.	\$140,300.00	\$0.00	\$140,300.00	\$65,250.25	\$0.00	\$75,049.75	53.49%
Total Article 9 - Op & Maint	\$253,736.00	\$0.00	\$253,736.00	\$125,225.21	\$0.00	\$128,510.79	50.64%
Total Article 10 - Debt Svc.	\$289,366.16	\$0.00	\$289,366.16	\$269,150.02	\$0.00	\$19,216.14	6.66%
Total Article 11 - Other	\$40,000.00	\$0.00	\$40,000.00	\$30,800.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	25.00%
TOTAL BUDGET	\$4,157,181.67	\$0.00	\$4,157,181.67	\$2,049,928.65	\$4,251.83	\$2,103,001.19	50.58%

