



**Veazie Town Council**

**Regular Meeting**

**March 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 February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Regular Council Meeting Minutes
- ITEM 6:** Comments from the Public

**New Business:**

- ITEM 7:** Certificate of Recognition Presentation
- ITEM 8:** Certificate of Achievement Presentation
- ITEM 9:** Age friendly Community Presentation
- ITEM 10:** Update on Comprehensive Plan
- ITEM 11:** Election Clerks/Warden Reappointments
- ITEM 12:** Ambulance Contract Renegotiation Update

**Old Business:**

- ITEM 13:** Manager's Report
- ITEM 14:** Comments from the Public
- ITEM 15:** Requests for information and Town Council Comments
- ITEM 16:** Review & Sign of AP Town Warrant #16 and Town Payroll #18, School Payroll Warrant #19, AP School Warrant #19.
- ITEM 17:** Adjournment

Tammy Perry  
5 Prouty Dr  
947-9624

Chris Bagley  
16 Silver Ridge  
cbagley@veazie.net

David King  
1081 Main St  
942-2376

Paul Messer  
1010 School St  
249-1361

Michael Reid  
14 Prouty Dr.  
573-1300



# **Agenda Items For March 13, 2017 Council Meeting**

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

**ITEM 7:** Council will present certificate of recognition to the following:

- A. Veazie Viking Girls Basketball Team for successfully finishing the basketball season as Mid-Maine League Champions
- B. Veazie Viking Boys Basketball Team for successfully finishing the basketball season as Mid-Maine League Runner Up
- C. Vetri Vel for finishing first place at the County Math Counts competition. \*It should be noted the Veazie Math Team as a whole finished\*

**ITEM 8:** Council will present a certificate of achievement to Olivia Messer on behalf of Maine Municipal Association for a statewide essay contest they promoted for seventh-grade students. Olivia was one of three winners chosen from across the State of Maine for her essay she submitted with the theme "If I Led My Community". Essays were judged on students demonstrating an understanding of municipal government, quality of writing and originality. In addition to her certificate of achievement she will also receive a \$250.00 gift card.

**ITEM 9:** Patricia Oh from AARP will present information on age friendly communities. Council has been provided with information previously received from Patricia Oh.

**ITEM 10:** Consultant Dean Bennett will provide the Council with an update on his progress updating the Town's Comprehensive Plan.

**ITEM 11:** Council will re-appoint the following Election Clerks for one year terms ending in June 2018:

Steve Earl- Democratic Election Clerk  
Morgiana Halley- Democratic Election Clerk  
Jacquelyn Treadwell- Republican Election Clerk  
Frances Kelly- Republican Election Clerk  
Randall Bishop- Republican Election Clerk  
Marilynn Bishop- Unenrolled Election Clerk  
Sandra Patterson- Unenrolled Election Clerk/ Election Warden

**Suggested Motion:** I motion we approve the above slate of candidates to terms ending June 2018 for Election Clerk and additionally we appoint Sandra Patterson to be the Election Warden for a term ending June 2018

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**ITEM 12:** A/ C Metcalf will present a memo to the Council updating them on his progress concerning negotiations with the Town of Orono as it concerns to ambulance service. They have notified us they wish to open the current contract and re-negotiate. A/C Metcalf will seek guidance from Council on how to proceed.

## **Suggested Motion(s)**

- 1) I motion the A/C Metcalf and Manager Leonard continue negotiations with the Town of Orono and return to a future meeting with and updated contract.**
- 2) I motion A/C Metcalf and Manager Leonard continue negotiations with the Town of Orono and additionally meet with other area EMS providers to discuss providing EMS services for the Town of Veazie and report back to the Council within 30 days with the findings.**

Veazie Town Council Meeting  
February 27th, 2017

**Members Present:** Chairman Tammy Perry, Councilor Chris Bagley, Councilor David King, Councilor Paul Messer, Manager Mark Leonard, Secretary Julie Strout, Assessor Ben Birch, Budget Committee members Judy Horton, Brian Perkins and Bill Masters, Town Accountant Craig Costello, Principal Matt Cyr, Gateway Seniors Member Karen Walker 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:**

Council Michael Reid was absent and excused.

**ITEM 3: Pledge of Allegiance**

**ITEM 4: Consideration of the Agenda**

Chairman Perry would like to add ITEM 14b as Executive Session 1 MRSA 405 6D- Labor Negotiations and add School Warrant and School Payroll #18 to ITEM 15.

**ITEM 5: Approval of the January 23rd, 2017 Regular Council Meeting Minutes**

Councilor Chris Bagley made a motion, seconded by Councilor David King to approve the January 23rd, 2017 Regular Council Meeting Minutes as written. Voted 4-0-0. Motion carried.

**ITEM 6: Comments from the public**

Citizen Karen Walker wanted to thank the plow crew for all of their hard work and for helping the elders out during the latest storm.

**New Business:**

**ITEM 7: Audit Presentation**

Accountant Craig Costello reviewed the Town Audit with the Council and answered their questions.

**ITEM 8: Assessor's Update**

Assessor Ben Birch reviewed his report with the Council and answered questions.

**ITEM 9: FY 17/18 Budget Directive**

Council provided direction to the Budget Committee for the FY 17/18 Budget process. The directive was to prepare responsible budgets let and the mil rate fall where it may, keep all services intact, dept. heads to work their hardest to make the budget work and be respectful of personnel (raises).

**ITEM 10: Fire Department Update**

Asst. Chief Peter Metcalf reviewed the latest statistics of the Fire Department with the Council.

**ITEM 11: Gateway Seniors without Walls Request**

Councilor Chris Bagley made a motion, seconded by Councilor David King to approve a \$500.00 donation to the Gateway Seniors without walls. Voted 4-0-0. Motion carried.

**Old Business**

**ITEM 12: Manager's Report**

Manager Leonard reviewed his report with the Councilor's.

**ITEM 13: Comments from the Public**

Citizen Andy Brown shared comments with the Council.

**ITEM 14: Requests for information and Town Council Comments**

None.

**ITEM 14b: Executive Session per M.R.S.A. 1 405 (6) (D) – Labor Negotiations**

Councilor Chris Bagley made a motion, seconded by Councilor Paul Messer to enter into Executive Session per M.R.S.A. 1 405 (6) (D) – Labor Negotiations at 8:02pm. Voted 4-0-0. Motion carried.

Councilor David King made a motion, seconded by Chairman Tammy Perry to exit Executive Session per M.R.S.A. 1 405 (6) (D) – Labor Negotiations at 8:26pm. Voted 4-0-0. Motion carried.

**ITEM 15: Review & sign of AP Town Warrant #14 & #15, and Town Payroll #16 & #17, School Payroll Warrant #16 & #17, AP School Warrant, #15a, #16 & #17.**

The warrants were circulated and signed. Including School Warrants #18.

**ITEM 16: Adjournment**

Councilor David King motioned to adjourn

Councilor Chris Bagley seconded. No discussion. Voted 4-0-0. Motion carried.

Adjourned at 8:26pm

A True Copy Attest

Julie Strout, Deputy Clerk

# Town of Veazie



ITEM # 7

## Certificate of Recognition

Presented To

### Veazie Viking Girls Basketball Team

For successfully finishing the basketball season as Mid-Maine League Champions

Michael Reid

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Councilor

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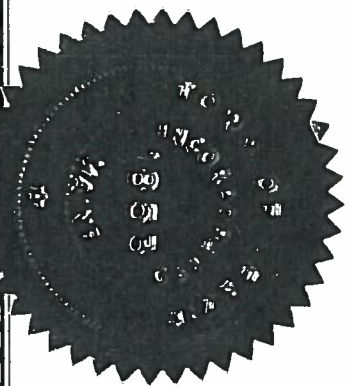
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# Town of Veazie



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Councilor

*Tammy Perry*

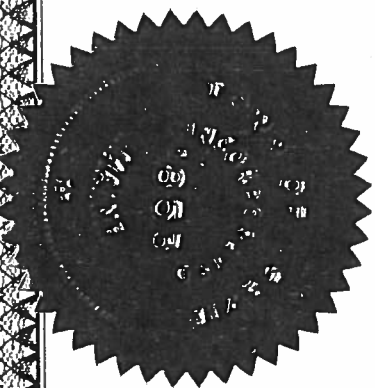
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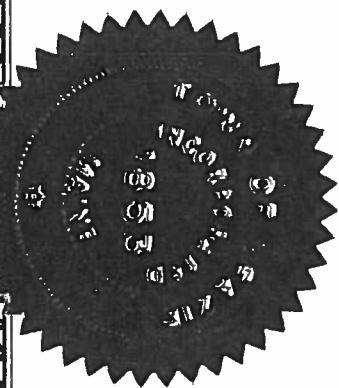
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# Maine Municipal Association

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AUGUSTA, MAINE 04330-9486  
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ITEM # 8

March 3, 2017

Dear Mark,

Thank you for agreeing to present the awards for the Maine Municipal Association's Essay Contest.

During the 2016-2017 school year, the Maine Municipal Association promoted a statewide essay contest for seventh-grade students. The essay contest is designed to help students learn more about the importance of municipalities and inspire them to become our next generation of local leaders. This essay contest is part of our Citizen Education Program which is designed to encourage citizens of all ages to consider getting involved in their local government.

Students were asked to submit essays with the theme: "If I Led My Community ..." From there, students could write about what they would do in a local leadership capacity. Essays were judged on students demonstrating an understanding of municipal government, quality of writing and originality by a panel pulled from MMA Staff. Three winners were chosen.

- Emma Beauregard, Damariscotta Montessori School (Nobleboro)
- Olivia Messer, Veazie Community School
- And, Patricia Thody, Athens Community School

MMA appreciates your participation in presenting your local winner with her prize and certificate.

Getting recognition in their own communities reinforces the importance of local government and the strong role it represents as the most accessible and efficient level of government.

Sincerely,

Eric Conrad  
Director of Communication & Educational Services  
Maine Municipal Association

Maine Municipal Association  
7th Grade Essay Contest 2017

*Certificate of Achievement*

**OLIVIA MESSER**  
Yeazie Community School

*Stephen W. Gove*

Stephen W. Gove, Executive Director  
Maine Municipal Association

*"If I led  
my*

*community..."*

LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
*begins with* **you.**

  
Maine Municipal Association



# AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities



## An Introduction

### NETWORK PROFILE

The AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities includes towns and cities throughout the United States. The Network expands regularly as more communities make a commitment to age-friendly planning. The Network of Age-Friendly Communities advances efforts to help people live easily and comfortably in their homes and communities, and it encourages older residents to take an active role in the changes they want that will make their communities better places for people of all ages and abilities.

### EIGHT DOMAINS OF LIVABILITY

AARP's Network of Age-Friendly Communities targets improvements that influence the health and quality of life of older adults:

1. **Outdoor spaces and buildings** Accessible services, social & recreational opportunities
2. **Transportation** Safe and affordable transportation to needed services and desired activities.
3. **Housing** Range of housing options and home-modification programs
4. **Social participation** Social and civic engagement with peers and younger people
5. **Respect and social inclusion** Environment that encourages civic involvement of people of all ages & abilities

### 6. Civic participation and employment

Paid work and volunteer opportunities & the chance to engage in the creation of policies relevant to their lives

### 7. Communication and information

Access to information about community activities and needed services.

### 8. Community support and health services

Access to homecare services, medical care and programs that promote wellness.

### PLANNING PROCESS

Organize Age-Friendly Team and secure support by local elected officials for application and membership.

#### 1. An age-friendly

assessment identifies community strengths and areas for improvement.

#### 2. Develop an action plan.

#### 3. Implement changes that

encourage older adults to remain as involved with the community as they want to be.

#### 4. Evaluate your work and identify areas for celebration and improvement.

Continue the cycle to identify and meet emerging needs.



### LEARN MORE at [aarp.org/agefriendly](http://aarp.org/agefriendly)

WEB: [www.aarp.org/me](http://www.aarp.org/me)

Facebook: [facebook.com/aarpace](https://facebook.com/aarpace)

EMAIL: [me@aarp.org](mailto:me@aarp.org)

### MAINE ENROLLED COMMUNITIES:

Twenty-nine Maine communities have joined the NAFC: Augusta, Bangor, Bar Harbor Belfast, Bervick, Bethel, Biddeford, Blue Hill, Bowdoinham, Brooksville, Bucksport, Cumberland, Dover-Foxcroft, Eastport, Ellsworth, Gilead, Greenwood, Hallowell, Kennebunk, Milo, Newry, North Yarmouth, Paris, Portland, Readfield, Saco, Wayne, Westbrook, Woodstock.

### AARP NETWORK MEMBER BENEFITS

- Recognition by AARP and others.
- Organizational guidance from AARP—including assessment & survey tools.
- Peer to peer sharing with other communities
- Lively Facebook page and e-newsletter.
- Trainings and networking events.
- Enrollment in the age-friendly network.
- Resources at [AARP.org/agefriendly](http://AARP.org/agefriendly).

*If your community wants to prepare for Maine's changing demographics by joining the Age Friendly Community Network ...*

Contact AARP Maine

PHONE: 1-207-776-6312

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Patricia Oh [paoh@aarp.org](mailto:paoh@aarp.org)

Andrea Cooper [acooper@aarp.org](mailto:acooper@aarp.org)

# AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities

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Real Possibilities

## AARP Maine Resources Available for Making your Community More Age-Friendly

Members of the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities become part of a network of communities committed to providing older adults with the opportunity to live rewarding, productive and safe lives. AARP Maine will work with any Maine communities who want to address the important issues of aging in place and aging in community. Among the services and resources AARP can provide:

- AARP Maine's Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/aarpafme](http://www.facebook.com/aarpafme)
- Find the **AARP Age Friendly Tool Kit** at <http://www.aarp.org/livable-communities/network-age-friendly-communities/> The AARP Age Friendly tools can be used as is or modified by any community who wishes to do so. The site provides access to a network of communities and best practices now in use in 50 communities across the country-- providing experience and resources back to the Network.
- *Building a Collaborative Community Response to Aging in Place: A Guide to Creating an Age Friendly Maine, One Community at a Time* provides a description of age friendly work in Maine is. It is available at: [http://maine4a.org/image\\_upload/FINALREPORT.pdf](http://maine4a.org/image_upload/FINALREPORT.pdf)
- AARP staff can attend early meetings of age friendly community groups, helping to get the process off on the right foot.
- AARP has developed the **Maine Guide to Age-Friendly Assessment** to give you a broad outline of how to conduct and age-friendly assessment. We can provide a model age friendly community survey, focus group guides, and asset inventory worksheets to help you design your own assessment. AARP Maine provides technical advice for all stages of assessment and planning. It can be downloaded from: <https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B3-ck0gVlYgRkY3eDc4Z0ZROVE> or call Maine AARP to request your copy!
- AARP Maine has a **small grant program** to support age friendly community planning designed to include low and moderate income older adults.
- **There are many roads...** If you want to pursue the Village Model or another type of grassroots approach to making your town age-friendly that uses the eight domains of livability as a structure for the work, AARP will be there to help with support and guidance to help you create a strategic plan for aging that fits with the goals and preferences of the residents in your town..
- AARP publishes a monthly on-line **livable communities newsletter** with articles highlighting relevant resources. <https://secure.aarp.org/livable-communities/livable-community-news-alerts/>
- AARP Maine conducts an **annual conference** for member communities and conducts webinars/calls in collaboration with partner organizations. On September 13, 2016, Maine communities that have made a commitment to age-friendly planning and development will meet to share experiences and learn from each other. If you are interested in attending, please let us know!

If your community has interest in preparing for Maine's changing demographics through the Age Friendly Community Network, contact AARP Maine, 866-554-5380 or Patricia Oh, [paoh@aarp.org](mailto:paoh@aarp.org), or 207-837-5883.



# *The Maine Guide*

## Building Livable, Age-Friendly Communities

About the AARP Livable Communities and the  
Network of Age-Friendly Communities



## AARP Livable Communities and the Network of Age-Friendly Communities

The goal of the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities is to support the work of citizen activists, local community-based organizations and non-profits, service providers, and municipal governments to increase livability. Livable communities are towns and cities that include the needs and preferences of their older residents when they are planning community development. Livable communities are great places for people at all stages of life to live, work and play.

### Livable Communities

*AARP Livable Communities supports the efforts of neighborhoods, towns and cities to become great places for people of all ages. We believe that communities should provide safe, walkable streets; age-friendly housing and transportation options; access to needed services; and opportunities for residents of all ages to participate in community life.*

AARP research consistently shows that older adults want to age in the homes where they currently live or, if that is not possible, to remain in their community. However, many places in Maine do not have the policies, infrastructure or services older residents need to stay safely and comfortably in the city and town where they want to live.

Changes in livability do not have to be expensive or change community values. For example, some towns have implemented zoning and building code changes to allow families to add an “in-law” apartment. A few have addressed accessibility by making simple changes in the built and natural environment—such as adding designated parking, making a library book return box more accessible, or creating wider walking paths in the local park. Others have made more expensive infrastructure changes, such as creating a dedicated bike lane when improving local streets. Maine communities that have joined the Network of Age-Friendly Communities have increased access to services by partnering with regional service providers to increase local awareness or by engaging volunteers to provide

Stay informed - *for free!* – by subscribing to the award-winning **AARP Livable Communities e-Newsletter**, which contains a mix of best practices, research, ideas, community resources, slideshows, interviews, how-to’s and information about livable community efforts from places near and far. Subscribe now by emailing [livable@aarp.org](mailto:livable@aarp.org). Please type “Subscribe Me” into the subject line.

services to meet a gap identified in the age-friendly assessment. You will read more about the types of initiatives Maine towns and cities have launched as part of the descriptions of each of the eight domains of livability described in the next section.

### **Eight Domains of Livability**

Research conducted with people 50+ living in communities around the world concluded that there are eight aspects of community life that are essential for the health and well-being of older residents:

1. ***Outdoor Spaces and Buildings.*** Availability of safe and accessible recreational facilities, shopping opportunities, municipal services, community-based organizations, and other essential services.
2. ***Transportation.*** Availability of safe and affordable transportation to needed services and desired activities.
3. ***Housing.*** Access to a range of housing options, home-modification programs, and affordable home maintenance services.
4. ***Social Participation.*** Opportunities for social and civic engagement with peers and younger people.
5. ***Respect and Social Inclusion.*** Access to an environment that encourages civic involvement by residents of all ages and abilities.
6. ***Civic Participation and Employment.*** Opportunities for paid work and volunteer opportunities for older people and the chance for residents of all ages to engage in the creation of policies relevant to their lives.
7. ***Communication and Information.*** Access to information about community activities and needed services.
8. ***Community Support and Health Services.*** Access to homecare services, medical care and programs that promote wellness.

Consider your own life in the community where you live. Are the eight domains of livability important to you? Do you prefer to live in a place where civic engagement is encouraged? Where public spaces are safe and attractive? Where recreational opportunities abound? Research by AARP shows that places that provide what older adults need to age happily in their communities are places that provide what people of all ages are looking for when they first move to a community. That is why AARP

developed resources to help community activists and municipal governments address each of the domains of livability.

Learn more about the  
**AARP Livable Communities**  
(<http://www.aarp.org/livable-communities/>)  
initiative and find out how Livable your  
community is by going to the  
**Livability Index** ([aarp.org/livablepolicy](http://aarp.org/livablepolicy))

Residents in a livable community may still struggle with chronic illness, functional limitations, economic insecurity, and the loss of family and close friends. This can be a part of the aging process in any community. Livable communities, however, support and encourage full participation in the social, civic, and economic life of the community by people of all ages and abilities.

In a livable community, policies, services, settings, and structures encourage people to remain as active as they want to be at any age, to live life to their own satisfaction regardless of individual challenges. This is achieved by:

- Recognizing the wide range of capacities and resources among residents.
- Anticipating and responding flexibly to aging-related needs and preferences.
- Respecting the decisions and lifestyle choices of people of all ages.
- Protecting and supporting older adults who are the most vulnerable.
- Promoting the inclusion and contributions of older adults in all aspects of community life.

Furthermore, because aging is a life-long process, a livable community is not just a great place to grow old. It is a great place to live, work and play at any age. Livable communities improve the health, well-being, and quality of life for Mainers of all ages.<sup>1</sup>

Some communities are interested in tackling one or two of the eight domains and not looking at all eight. AARP Maine celebrates all community efforts to increase the livability of Maine's towns and cities.

Other communities make a commitment to identify the strengths of their community in all eight domains and to learn more about possibilities for improvement. They commit to creating an action plan to increase the livability of the community and promise to implement the plan and evaluate progress. They recognize that older residents have a

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<sup>1</sup> Adapted from: AARP (2014). AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities Tool Kit. Step 1: Getting Started. Establish an Advisory Committee that includes older adults. <http://www.aarp.org/livable-communities/network-age-friendly-communities/info-2014/getting-started.html>

lifetime of experience to contribute to the community and include older people in all phases of age-friendly development.

*For towns and cities that commit to using the framework of the eight domains as they think about planning for the changing age-structure in their towns, AARP has created a special way to recognize them through their membership in the Network of Age-Friendly Communities.*

### **AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities**

Members of the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities join a network of towns, cities and counties that have committed to providing residents of all ages and abilities with the opportunity to live rewarding, productive and safe lives by using the framework of the eight domains of livability as a tool for planning and development. Benefits of membership include:

- Public recognition by AARP of the commitment your city, town, or county has made to become a better place to live for all ages, but especially for older residents.
- Support and guidance from AARP Maine.
  - Monthly newsletter with hints and tips for your age-friendly community initiative.
  - Opportunity to learn from other communities and to be featured on the **Age-Friendly Facebook** page (<https://www.facebook.com/aarpafme>).
  - Participation in the annual Maine Age-Friendly Community meeting.
  - Tools to guide you through assessment, planning, implementation, and evaluation.
- Technical advice to help you find grants to support livable and age friendly community planning efforts and implementation of ideas to make your community a better place for older residents.
- Resources to develop policies, supports, and services to make your community more livable.
- Access to peer communities and best practices.
- Age-friendly and livable communities toolkits at [AARP.org/agefriendly](https://www.aarp.org/agefriendly) and [AARP.org/livable](https://www.aarp.org/livable). The AARP tool kits includes resources for every phase of the Age-Friendly cycle of continuous improvement and for implementing changes in the eight domains of livability.

## The Demographics of Aging in Veazie

Veazie, home to approximately 2,045 people, has many age-friendly features that make it a great place to live<sup>1</sup>. The AARP Livability Index score for Veazie is 54/100<sup>2</sup>. Strengths of the community include opportunities for civic and social involvement, the availability of high speed Internet, the affordability of housing, and accessible transportation options. Primary weaknesses are access to exercise opportunities and distance to services and jobs.

The median age is 43, slightly older than their peers in Penobscot County (median age, 41).

One in four residents have attained the milestone of their 60<sup>th</sup> birthday. Forty percent of the 827 households include at least one person 60+. In the past 15 years, the number of Veazie residents 60+ grew by 41%—from 334 in 2000 to 470 in 2015.

**Living Arrangements:** While most older people (61%) live with a spouse or another person, about 1/3<sup>rd</sup> live alone. Most (80%) people living alone are women. Veazie is a place where people move to stay; only 2% of older residents have lived in their homes less than 15 years. Long-term residents are highly attached to the community and have social ties that can sustain them in older years but may need help to age safely in their own home if they develop a disability or no longer drive.

Home ownership is common; 69% of older families live in a home they own or are purchasing. Half (48%) of Veazie's 60+ householders have a loan on their home, compared with 33% of older Mainers. Nine percent of older residents with a mortgage spend 30% or more of their monthly income on housing, compared with 5% of older residents without a home loan and 66% of renters. Median monthly housing-related expenses of an older household with a mortgage are \$1,052 (loan, insurance, and property taxes), compared to \$477 for people without a loan and \$656 for older renters.

**Age of Housing where Older People Live:** The majority (82%) of older homeowners live in housing that is 25+ years old. Older homes need more maintenance and modifications for older residents to age in place. The need to find help with home chores is greatest for the oldest homeowners and those aging with a disability that prevents them from doing simple, routine chores safely.

**Income Security:** Older households have a lower median income than the overall population. There is significant income disparity among householders 65+; 9% have a yearly income less than \$10,000 while 10% receive \$100,000+ annually. The Elder Economic Index estimates that older people in Veazie in good health need \$30,266/year to meet basic needs<sup>3</sup> without getting assistance. More than half (64%) of older households have a yearly income less than economic security.

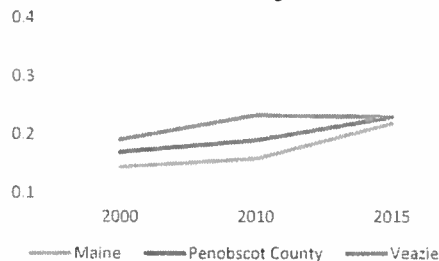
Mean Social Security income is \$16,057 and mean retirement (pension, annuities, etc.) income is \$19,971. A household can have more than one source of income; people depending on Social Security alone are more likely to experience poverty than households that depend on other forms of retirement income or a mix of Social Security and other income.

Eight percent of 60+ households received Food Stamps in the past year, compared with 23% of younger families.

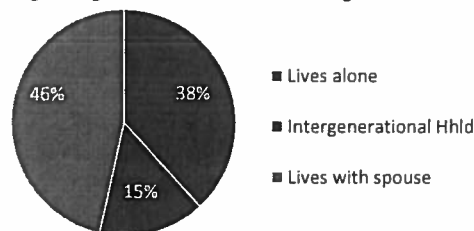
**Veterans:** Overall, about 12% of Veazie residents are veterans but the number jumps to 63% of men age 65+. Veteran status was a protection against poverty; 7% of veterans and 15% of non-veterans age 65+ had income less than 100% of the poverty rate (\$11,700 for a family of one; \$15,930 for a couple). The rate of disability is higher for older veterans than non-veterans; 43% of veterans have a disability, compared with 28% of non-veterans.

**Disability:** Veazie's older residents have a disability rate similar to their peers throughout Maine; 32% of people 65+ have at least one disability, compared with 35% of older Mainers. The disability rate increases to 42% for people age 75 and older who live in the area. More than half (52%) of older residents with a disabling condition live with more than one disability. People who live with multiple physical limitations face an increased risk of social isolation.

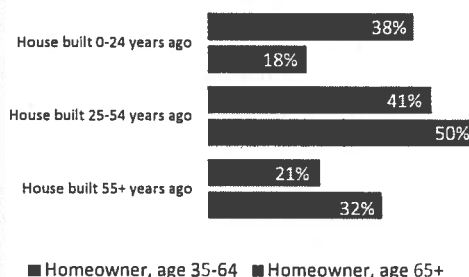
Recent Growth in Percentage Residents 60+



Living Arrangements of Veazie residents age 60+



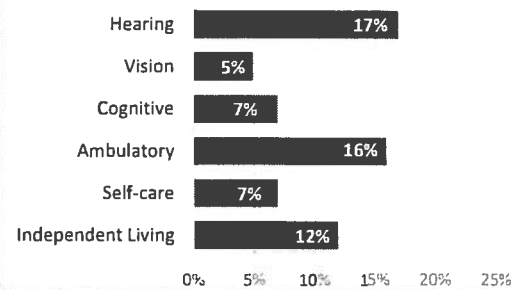
Age of owner-occupied housing by age of homeowner



Median Income of Veazie Households, by Age



% of Veazie residents age 65+ with a disability



<sup>1</sup> Except where noted, data is taken from US Census 2000, US Census 2010, or American Community Survey 5-year Estimates for 2011-2015

<sup>2</sup> AARP Livability Index. FMI: <https://livabilityindex.aarp.org/>

<sup>3</sup> For more information about the Elder Economic Index, go to: <http://www.basiceconomicsecurity.org/EI>. The Elder Index measures how much income an older adult living in the community requires to meet his or her basic needs—without public or private aid.




Veazie Fire/Police Department  
1084 Main Street  
Veazie, Maine 04401-7091  
Chief Mark Leonard



A/C Pete Metcalf

Sgt. Gene Fizell

To: Chief Leonard  
From: A/C Metcalf   
Date: March 7, 2017  
Re: Ambulance contract

As you are aware we have started discussions with the Town of Orono regarding the ambulance contract. While the contract doesn't expire until 2020, Orono Town Manager Sophie Wilson has expressed that she is making the recommendation to her council not to continue with the current contract after June 30, 2017 unless arrangements are made to allocate a cost to the contract. In January, Manager Wilson provided a cost spreadsheet outlining their total EMS expenditures and three equitable cost models. The least expensive option she presented using a call volume model was a cost of \$85,160.00. As a counter to their proposal I used the EMS expenditures she provided and I presented to you what I felt was a more equitable share. The memo dated January 30, 2017 will have those details.

I met with Chief St. Louis on Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> to discuss the ambulance contract. Chief St. Louis has indicated that Manager Wilson and the Orono Council are firm on the Town of Veazie paying a fair share of costs for EMS services. The verbal counter to our offer is \$64,000.

There are a few things to consider while choosing our options for an ambulance provider. First is the response time. On average, the current response time from Orono is between 6-10 minutes. Should we change to another service the response times will become variable based on time of day, location and availability of an ambulance, delaying overall patient care and transport. Also, with the private service ambulance each time a truck responds you may have a different crew based on availability and time of day. Second, using Orono has allowed our members to ride into the hospital and continue assisting with patient care or provide a driver especially when it's a critical call. Also, with critical calls we often get an engine company which will give upwards of 6 to 8 firefighter/EMS providers on scene that know each other and work seamlessly. With a cardiac arrest or other significant medical condition these additional responders are necessary to provide the best possible care and scene management. This engine/ambulance response model is in place

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using run cards and the dispatch determinant codes, calls such as cardiac arrest, significant respiratory calls or motor vehicle crashes we automatically have an engine and ambulance responding. There is no guarantee this will continue should we change to another provider.

Third, since the start of the ambulance contract we have strived to improve our relationship and crew familiarity with Orono. In my opinion this arrangement has built a level of trust, respect and a level of comfort between both departments. Again, it goes back to working seamlessly together as a team and providing the best care and service possible.

Lastly, this relationship has enabled us to work better as mutual and automatic aid partners and, at times, share resources. We have closely aligned our radio communications, including the move to the Orono tower, reprogramming pager tones for calls and radios for incident interoperability. This partnership also gives us the ability to stay within response district when swapping out equipment, resupplying oxygen or the occasional training. This relationship has also provided our firefighters the ability to ride with Orono for both fire and EMS experience. By eliminating Orono as our contracted ambulance service, our day to day contact with them will decrease and be limited to automatic aid for building fires and station coverage.

In closing, I will support which ever direction the Council feels is in the best interest for the Town of Veazie. However, I feel strongly continuing our negotiations with Orono with the goal of finding a fair and equitable accord. Even with the proposed fee I believe there are too many benefits that we and our citizens will lose if we seek services from another provider.

Exhibit A: Copy of Manager Wilsons cost options

Exhibit B: Copy of January 30, 2017 memo

Exhibit C: Capital Ambulance response times

Exhibit D: Orono Fire Department ambulance response times



Exhibit A

From:  **Mark Leonard**  
Sophie Wilson <swilson@orono.org>

Monday, January 23, 2017 8:04:33 PM 

Subject: Fwd: EMS Agreement

To:  **Peter Metcalf**

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Attachments:  **Veazie Contract Calculation.xlsx / Uploaded File (11K)**

Mark Leonard Town Manager  
Town of Veazie  
1084 Main Street  
Veazie, Maine 04401  
207-947-2781  
[mleonard@veazie.net](mailto:mleonard@veazie.net)

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Message Fri, Jan 20, 2017 3:50 PM  
From: Sophie Wilson <[swilson@orono.org](mailto:swilson@orono.org)>  
To: Mark Leonard View in Browser  
Subject: EMS Agreement  
Attachments: Veazie Contract Calculation.xlsx    Uploaded File 11K

Hi Mark,

Please find the brief spreadsheet to give you some perspective of the cost of running the Town's ambulance service. I've also included various methods for determining an equitable cost share for the

service - we could talk about them as shown or in conjunction with one another (a hybrid). Based upon our conversation, it is my understanding that, should we continue on, Veazie would be most interested in settling on an amount that we may revisit from time to time in advance of budget development as opposed to a formula that would change from year to year based upon our budget or costs. Am I on the right track?

Just to let you know, we in the midst of conversations with our Council about Fire Department staffing. Currently, the demand for EMS services is out pacing our resources. With increasing requirements related to the standard of care and calls pulling both ambulances out of the station simultaneously, we are moving to a practice of having at least five people available to run both ambulances. There will be times that only four people are available and we will need to take one ambulance out of service. For this reason, we are asking that Council consider adding three more people (at a cost of approximately \$66k/year each). This is not reflected in the attached spreadsheet.

Please take a look at the information and give me a call so that we can chat about next steps if you're interested in moving forward.

Thanks,  
Sophie

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Sophia L. Wilson, Town Manager  
Town of Orono  
59 Main Street  
Orono, Maine 04473  
Direct Line: (207) 889-6905  
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**EMS Expense**

Wages and Benefits	\$	936,820
Medical Supplies	\$	24,000
Building/Overhead	\$	31,080
Annual Ambulance Capital	\$	75,000
Insurances, Risk, Defense	\$	16,000
Training	\$	7,000
Medical Director	\$	1,000
EMS Dues	\$	900
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	\$	1,091,800

**Allocable Share of Service**

Call Volume (7.8%)	\$	85,160
Per Capita (15.6%)	\$	170,321
Valuation (37%)	\$	403,966





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To: Chief Mark Leonard

From: A/C Pete Metcalf

Date: January 30, 2017

Re: Ambulance Contract

After a review of the numbers provided by Manager Wilson I believe there is room to negotiate a more palatable cost for providing EMS service to our community.

Using the EMS Expenses (\$1,091,800.00) that Manager Wilson provided I calculated a per capita EMS cost to the citizens of Orono using a population of 10,362 found from the 2010 census. That figure was \$105.37. Using \$106.00, the chart below calculates the per capita cost to the Town of Veazie using our call volume from 2015 and 2016.

	Per capita cost	Calls	Cost for calls	Transports	Cost for transports
2015	\$106.00	195	\$20,670.00	131	\$13,886.00
2016	\$106.00	171	\$18,126.00	129	\$13,674.00

We can further look at the percentage of calls that Orono responds to Veazie. In 2015, the latest data that I have for Orono, was a total EMS run volume of 1,431 calls (*Orono, 2015*). Of that, 195 or approximately 14% of their calls were to Veazie. If 14% of the calls are to Veazie then we can calculate that our cost is 14% of the per capita cost for EMS or  $14\% \times \$106.00$  which calculates out to \$14.84. Using 1,919 as the population of Veazie which is based on the 2010 census, our estimated per capita cost would be  $\$14.84 \times 1,919$  or \$28,477.96.

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This rate is consistent albeit slightly higher than the Towns of Milford and Bradley who contract with the City of Old Town for their EMS services. Based on the 2014-15 budget for Milford they are paying \$40,524.00. (*Milford, 2015*) This calculates out to \$13.51 per capita using 3,000 as their approximate population. Additionally, the Town of Bradley at approximately 1,500 citizens is paying out \$19,700.00(*Bradley, 2016*) or \$13.13 per capita. It's important to note that in the City of Old Town's 2016-17 budget they are taking in a total of \$113,000.00(*Old Town, 2016*) to provide EMS services to the 6 communities they contract with.

While Bradley and Milford are reasonable comparisons our run volume is lower than Milford however is higher than Bradley. It is my opinion, the Town of Orono should they wish to continue providing EMS services to the Town of Veazie be willing to negotiate a lower rate based on the comparables that I have provided.

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## Exhibit C

## CAPITAL AMBULANCE RESPONSE TIMES

Address	PSAP	Paged	Enroute	On Scene	Response Time
23 Prouty Drive	15:40	15:42	15:43	15:52	0:10
5 Thompson	13:18	13:19	13:21	13:27	0:08
5 Thompson	21:07	21:08	21:10	21:21	0:13
5 Thompson	3:16	3:17	3:20	3:27	0:10
3 Flagg	14:18	14:21	14:22	14:27	0:06
3 Flagg	6:08	6:10	6:15	6:22	0:12
3 Flagg	2:47	2:51	2:57	3:05	0:14
3 Flagg	9:41	9:42	9:44	9:55	0:13
3 Flagg	2:45	2:47	2:54	3:03	0:16
Chase/School	22:07	22:08	22:11	22:18	0:10
13 Jackson	17:08	17:10	17:11	17:15	0:05
1004 Randolph	3:12	3:15	3:20	3:31	0:16
1185 Chase	1:04	1:04	1:09	1:17	0:13
1185 Chase	0:34	0:35	0:40	0:50	0:15
1185 Chase	5:46	5:47	5:53	6:03	0:16
1490 State	22:29	22:30	22:34	22:41	0:11
7 Judson	5:28	5:30	5:35	5:43	0:13
7 Judson	7:54	7:54	7:57	8:05	0:11
4 Lemon	7:27	7:28	7:31	7:39	0:11
1052 School	8:24	8:26	8:30	8:34	0:08
1382 State	21:15	21:17	21:21	21:28	0:11
1382 State	7:01	7:02	7:05	7:13	0:11
1605 State	18:30	18:34	18:36	18:45	0:11
12 Jackson	17:16	17:18	17:21	17:31	0:13
18 Highview	5:07	5:09	5:14	5:24	0:15
Average RT					0:11

## Exhibit D

## ORONO FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONSE TIMES

Address	PSAP	Paged	Enroute	On Scene	Response Time
9 Jackson	17:49	17:52	17:54	18:00	0:08
1008 Randolph	7:50	7:52	7:53	7:59	0:07
2 Silver Ridge	20:39	20:42	20:44	20:52	0:10
2 Silver Ridge	11:06	11:08	11:10	11:17	0:09
1185 Chase	11:22	11:23	11:24	11:32	0:09
1185 Chase	23:09	23:14	23:16	23:23	0:09
1185 Chase	1:03	1:05	1:07	1:16	0:11
3 Flagg	20:08	20:10	20:12	20:19	0:09
3 Flagg	0:30	0:31	0:35	0:41	0:10
3 Flagg	16:10	16:11	16:14	16:21	0:10
3 Flagg	5:08	5:11	5:14	5:21	0:10
3 Flagg	17:34	17:37	17:39	17:46	0:09
School St	13:50	13:51	13:51	14:04	0:13
School St	13:28	13:28	13:30	13:35	0:07
1072 School	21:41	21:42	21:43	21:48	0:06
3 Davis	18:27	18:29	18:31	18:35	0:06
3 Davis	19:59	20:00	20:02	20:10	0:10
1120 Chase	17:38	17:39	17:41	17:48	0:09
1120 Chase	1:59	1:59	2:03	2:08	0:09
Veazie Villa	19:23	19:25	19:26	19:32	0:07
Veazie Villa	14:02	14:05	14:08	14:15	0:10
Veazie Villa	9:29	9:32	9:33	9:39	0:07
1081 Main	23:37	23:39	23:42	23:47	0:08
7 Judson	4:43	4:47	4:49	4:55	0:08
7 Judson	9:29	9:31	9:33	9:39	0:08
Average RT					0:08



# **Manager's Report For March 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.

During a meeting with the Community Center Redevelopment Committee, we finalized a grant request for monies to complete a large portion of the rehabilitation. The grant application was submitted and we are waiting to see if it is approved so we can move to the next phase of the grant.

Members of the Sewer District, Water District and Lou Silvers Construction had a few meetings to discuss upcoming paving projects. These meetings have been productive and we are working toward a finalized plan for work to be completed this year and for years to follow. This work will be presented to the Council for review at a future meeting.

Principal Cyr and I have met on numerous occasion to discuss numerous issues including a grant for the School, budget discussion and truancy issues.

I attended the regional Community Connector meeting which was held at Bangor Police Department. The draft minutes from the meeting are attached for review.

I continue to finalize the FY 17/18 Budget which I will present in draft form to the Budget Committee on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. In addition, I am finalizing the capital improvement plan which I will present to the council at a future meeting.

The certificates of recognition are completed and will be presented to students as well as staff of the Veazie Community School during the meeting.

I attended a School Board meeting where Principal Cyr presented his budget. He will also present this budget to the Budget Committee at the March 9<sup>th</sup> budget meeting.

I attended the PTO meeting where we discussed the Veazie Day plans in hopes they would agree to assist with the event. Additional meetings with the PTO will be scheduled.

The Town of Orono has informed us they would like to open the contract for ambulance services. A/C Metcalf and I met with them and a memo is included for review.

A second meeting with the Fire Department has been held regarding contract negotiations. Additional meetings have been scheduled and I feel we are making good progress.

I attended the Region 5 Chiefs of Police meeting which was held at the Old Town Police Department. Numerous items were discussed including group radio purchases for the region along with proposed legislation which could affect the Police Department. One in particular Sheriff Morton discussed was jail funding. A bill is being proposed which would charge police departments for bring nonviolent arrest to the jail instead of issuing a summons. The rate proposed is \$50.00 per prisoner with additional surcharges.

# **Manager's Report For March 13, 2017 Council Meeting**

The other option would be to eliminate regional booking. If this was to occur the Police Department would then be responsible for fingerprinting, booking, photographing and processing the prisoner. For Agencies such as ours this would be a huge burden. This problem would not exist if the State would pay their obligation for jail funding. If implemented this will help offset the nearly \$400,000.00 the jail is anticipating in shortfall.

I have met with Chase Electric to discuss upgrading the lights to LED. I have received an estimate on the lights and will get estimates on the labor. This information will be presented with my proposal for funds to do a municipal building renovation which will need to be approved at the Town meeting.

Nomination for (2) Council positions, (1) Sewer District position and (1) School Board position will be available March 24<sup>th</sup> and are due back May 1<sup>st</sup>. Each position will require the candidate gather 25 signatures of registered voters in the Town.

#### Attachments:

1. Comprehensive plan workshop minutes
2. Community Connector meeting agenda and draft minutes
3. March 6<sup>th</sup> School Board meeting agenda and attachments
4. Assessors update dated March 7<sup>th</sup>

**TOWN OF VEAZIE PLANNING BOARD  
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN WORKSHOP MINUTES**

**FEBRUARY 16, 2017**

**Call to order: 6:31 pm in Council Chambers @ 1084 Main St., Veazie, Maine.**

**Present: Don MacKay (Chairman), Andy Brown, Tony Cappuccio (recorder of minutes), Karen Walker.**

**Guests in attendance: Dean Bennett, Dave Wardrop, Linda Swackhammer, Lloyd Smith.**

**Minutes from the January, 30<sup>th</sup> 2017 meeting had one spelling correction, Karen Walker made a motion to accept them, Andy Brown second the motion to accept them.**

**7:08 Chairman Don MacKay gave an overview of the Comprehensive Plan. Dean Bennett gave everyone a draft copy of the Comp Plan and gave us an explanation of how to approach the updating of the Comp Plan, and making sure we satisfy the State of Maine.**

**Mr. Bennett also gave us some scenarios of changes in thinking in different areas, such as "open space" in the Subdivision Ordinance. The Veazie Conservation Commission was tasked with developing a plan for a "Wildlife Area" and "Open Space or Preservation" areas. These are required on the Comp Plan.**

**We decided to have two meetings a month for the next couple of months to take advantage of Mr. Bennett's effort to help us expedite the Comp Plan. March meeting are on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM in Council Chambers.**

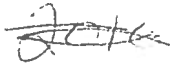
**Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.**

Community Connector Meeting

March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 @ 10:30 AM

Bangor Police Department

1. Proposed FY 18 Capital & Operational Budgets
2. Bus Hub Update
3. Bus Maintenance Discussion
4. Other business

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Community Connector Meeting Minutes  
March 3, 2017  
Bangor Police Department

Present: Laurie Linscott; Michael Crooker; Rob Kenerson; Connie Reed; Mark Leonard; Lev Sherman; Kim Meyerdierks; Lisa Feldman; David Lister; Judy Hastings; Martin Chartrand; Ron Harriman; Angus Jennings; Don Cooper; Eric Willett; Tom Spitz

Mike Crooker called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m. and introductions were made.

1. Proposed FY 18 Capital and Operational Budgets for Community Connector

The City of Bangor is in the initial phase of drafting budgets for FY18. Laurie gave an overview of the capital budget plan for the bus fleet. Three end of life overhaul buses (February 2017, March 2017 and April 2017) were already budgeted for in the previous fiscal year so only one will be in the capital plan for FY 18 (est. June 2017).

Two new 30-foot Gillig buses are currently in production. These two buses are estimated to be completed in August 2017. Bond funds were used to make these purchases. Laurie and Eric made a due diligence visit to the Gillig manufacturing plant and now have a better understanding of why the process takes so much time. There is a two year production process and the buses are built in eight days. Gillig is opening a new plant in May and production time could be cut down to 18 months at that point.

The City of Bangor is currently working on an RFP for three mid-life overhauls on the Gillig buses currently in the fleet. Two of these overhauls were budgeted for last year and one will be in the FY 18 budget.

Community Connector was awarded a FAST Act grant through the competitive Grants for Bus and Bus Facilities program in the amount of \$1,441,600. The local share for this grant will be budgeted for in FY 19/20. The initial plan was to purchase four new 30-foot buses; however, Laurie is working with the City's finance director to determine the possibility of purchasing five buses with the grant monies and how to factor the increase in the required local share. A manufacturer has not been determined, but Laurie is working on identifying other contracts which the purchase could be piggy-backed on. She is currently looking at a contract with the State of Connecticut that could work. If the buses are ordered in FY18, delivery will be in FY20.

The proposed budget also includes additional monies allocated to the cleaning of the buses. Different options and ideas for consistent and efficient cleaning of buses are being actively explored.

The budget also plans for additional funds needed for the purchase of a modular building to be used as the Community Connector administrative office. Funds allocated in last year's budget were short of what is required to acquire the building. An RFP for the building will be released shortly. Optimistically, staff will be able to move into the new building, which will be located on site at the motor pool, before winter.

Discussion followed.

- With the delivery of new buses and the end of life overhauls being performed, Eric believes that by this Fall a sufficient cushion of back up buses will be available to make servicing buses more efficient and effective by not having to limit the amount of time the motor pool can keep a bus for servicing.
- In order for municipalities who contract with Community Connector to have the information they need regarding local share for their municipal budgets, Mike Crooker will supply estimated amounts to municipal leaders.
- The need for planning for additional bus purchases for specific routes, individual reserve accounts, estimating and increasing costs for purchases and operations and types of buses were discussed. If municipalities are aware of upcoming issues and/or plans that would significantly change the needs for

bus service in their community, the Community Connector staff should be notified as soon as possible. Angus Jennings stated that the Hampden Services Committee meets the second Monday of each month and has regular discussions regarding bus service. Mike Crooker offered to speak to the committee when they are ready.

- Mike Crooker told the group that it is recognized that there has not been enough resources focused on the system and that they are working on ideas to create efficiencies and minimize adverse impact with the resources available. Laurie added that the fare structure will remain the same at \$1.50/ride. A new advertising agency with nationwide ties has been hired with the intent of growing revenue from advertising fees. In order to increase the number of riders, it is important to promote and advocate the use of the bus at any and all groups, meetings or events possible. If there are events happening that provide an opportunity to get information on the bus out to the community, contact Community Connector and they will provide you/your group with materials to hand out.
- Transportation for All asked if the policies and procedures for bus cleaning could be provided to the group. Different answers about expectations and procedures for cleaning buses are coming from different individuals. The group feels that keeping the buses clean and pleasant is one of the biggest ways in which to market the bus as the bus itself if an advertisement of the service. Laurie welcomed any ideas on cleaning. Laurie and Mike are working to find ways to get the buses cleaned in the most consistent, efficient and cost effective way. Laurie indicated that she is proposing in the budget, and advocating for, hiring an employee to perform the cleaning, but there is no assurance that this will be approved and able to happen.

## 2. Bus Hub Update

Mike noted that the City Council was presented with and reviewed three options for the bus hub:

1. Redesigned Pickering Square
2. Washington Street
3. Abbott Square

Abbott Square was eliminated by the Council for various reasons. City staff are working to come up with the requirements, costs and designs for the remaining two options. Engineering Department staff is looking at infrastructure, traffic and pedestrian issues with the layouts. Community Connector staff is looking at various routes issues and changes required if a move from Pickering Square takes place.

City staff is working on obtaining comprehensive information. Mike indicated that this group will review and comment on information gathered in order for any issues and ideas that arise to be discussed and worked through and be identified and addressed in the final reports presented to the Council. At the City Council meeting in February Councilor Graham suggested a consultant be engaged in order to adequately identify all issues that arise when moving a bus hub. Mike is looking into what consultants are available and how much it would cost in order to perform such as study. It may take some time to find a new consultant. Initial estimates seem to indicate that it could also take several months to have them perform the required analysis of routes and other issues associated with the proposed location.

Discussion followed.

- Concerns about the costs of moving the hub to Washington Street, the additional resources and assets required, increased municipal and other match share requirements, the impact to routes, potential loss of ridership – temporarily and permanently, the limited security and volume of people to provide “eyes on the street,” distance from destinations, obstacles preventing a straight path and the fact that people need to walk uphill from Washington Street were discussed.

Laurie told the group that the City’s Economic Development Director and the Finance Director are talking about different revenue sources that may be available to pay for some of the costs associated with a hub relocation. She also shared that City employees from various departments are visiting the

site. Transportation for All suggested that when City employees do the site visit, they take the bus to experience the types of issues a bus encounters maneuvering in that area of the City.

- Questions were raised about the impetus for the change of the bus hub. The City's plan to revamp and revitalize the downtown area, in particular Pickering Square, as well as the identified need to separate buses from vehicle and pedestrian traffic was discussed. Dave Lister noted that from a bus driver's perspective Washington Street has several problems. One of those problems is seven buses attempting to exit at the same time would be difficult and would cause regular schedule delays of several minutes. Washington Street is on a curve and visibility is limited with little to no break in traffic for buses to enter. The initial plan for Washington Street includes a shuttle to downtown which adds another route.
- It was suggested that regardless of whether or not the hub location is moved that a free shuttle downtown be provided to entice people to park in the garage in order to address concerns about limited parking. Questions were raised about whether or not the Washington Street location would allow for sufficient parking to accommodate the needs of a multi-modal transportation center that is being envisioned for this location.
- Mike discussed his trip to testify regarding the potential for a passenger rail study to bring commuter rail service to Bangor. There is a lot of support at the legislative session but MDOT has concerns about logistics and expenses that need to be planned for in their transportation plan/process.
- Mike encouraged everyone to send emails or call with issues or concerns that should be considered while researching the hub location. It is a work in progress and as soon as more information is available he will get it out to the group.

### 3. Bus Maintenance

Eric Willett reported that preventative maintenance for February had a 90% compliance rate. After investigating what was late, he found that the only issue was an air dryer replacement which is not a scheduled type of maintenance so he considers February as being 100% on compliance with preventative maintenance. There were 102 repairs to buses in February. With the end of life rehabs and new buses being brought into service, he estimates that repairs will go down and the motor pool will be able to keep buses longer to do longer repairs. His group has templates ready on what needs to be done and are prepared to get the new buses into service as soon as possible.

Discussion followed.

- Transportation for All suggested a christening ceremony for the new buses as a way of marketing bus service and ridership.
- Procedures for half-life and end of life rehabs and when engine repairs are done was discussed. Eric explained that engine repairs are done based on whether or not oil tests are passed. A recent engine failure on a bus that just came back from the rehab was cited and discussion about whether or not there is an option of getting engine work done during those rehabs. Mike noted that they are currently working on an RFP that adds engine repair into the maintenance but it is a fine balance to look at the cost to benefit because of the significant increase in cost.

### 4. Other Business

- a. Mike stated that while finalizing the budget, they are going to work on low-cost items to see what can be done to improve services, such as maintaining and cleaning the buses.
  - Discussion followed regarding the challenges associated with having temporary workers or volunteers doing the cleaning because of the constant need to train and the lack of reliability. Laurie acknowledged

that the City is aware of the need and cleaning is a top priority. She discussed some of the different types of businesses she identified as potential vendors and those she had discussions with. The problem that she is running into is that professional cleaning companies do not want to do the cleaning at the Community Connector facility and/or they are unable to perform the cleaning on Saturday and Sunday when the buses are available. She also solicited feedback from other bus companies to see how they handle bus cleaning. Most other agencies have their own employees that do the cleaning. Laurie reassured the group that they are working on finding a suitable a solution.

Mike thanked the group for bringing these types of issues to their attention and encouraged everyone to continue to communicate these types of concerns and issues to their attention because it does make a difference. Transportation for All offered assistance in supporting the hiring of a regular employee to be responsible for cleaning.

- b. Martin brought up the need to designate a bus stop at the Veterans Clinic and Veterans home. Laurie explained that the need is known and acknowledged; however, the layout of the road and facility parking lot prohibits the maneuvering of a bus and limits where the bus can safely go. In addition to the physical limitations, there are other issues relating to state land and ownership of the property. The Community Connector and City of Bangor have worked with the VA on the issue.

Discussion followed.

- Laurie explained the design of the road and parking lot is too tight for a bus to get through. The City of Bangor has done extensive work to provide the VA with a design that would make the road and parking lot bus accessible. Although the Veterans Clinic and Home have contiguous paving between the two facilities; they are separated by a locked gate over a bump-up which limits the connectivity. The Community Connector and other City departments, including Engineering and Public Works have developed a plan to redesign the road and the parking lot in a manner that would allow for a bus to access the site. However the costs associated with the improvements and the limitation of VA resources has been a barrier to making the required changes. The City is waiting to hear from the VA at this point. Without making the improvements to the road and parking lot, the Waterworks is the best stop for riders needing to get to the Veterans Clinic and/or Veterans Home. The Mount Hope end of the facility is a less sloped walk than the steeper State Street end; however, it is a longer walk to get to the building.

Rob pointed out that if transit needs are considered and incorporated into designs when facilities are in the planning and permitting stages, these types of issues can be identified and addressed before construction.

Transportation for All suggested contacting congressmen to request the resources needed to make the improvements to the facility so Veterans could more easily and readily access the services.

- c. Dave asked if consideration had been given to purchasing new buses operated by natural gas.

Discussion followed.

- Natural gas operated buses require additional considerations other than the vehicle itself. Not only are the engines more expensive, mechanics require special certification in order to be able to work on them. Natural gas vehicle services would also require the shop area to be retrofitted to accommodate for the natural gas ventilation requirements and compressed natural gas pumping stations would need to be built. The City just isn't ready to accommodate this type of bus yet.
- d. Laurie announced that March 17, the Community Connector will be celebrating National Transit Driver appreciation Day (the actual day is the 18<sup>th</sup>, but Bangor is celebrating it Friday). There will be a celebration for all drivers at the Community Connector Office.



Discussion followed.

- Transportation for All suggested doing a media release about National Transit Driver Appreciation Day as a way of promoting the bus and marketing services.
- Transportation for All applauded the Community Connector drivers and recognized the hard work they do every day. They also commended the little kindnesses and care for the community that the drivers show every day. "They are incredible."

Meeting ended at 12:15 p.m.



**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: March 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 February 6, 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. February Financials (Exhibits)
  - B. Negotiations
  - C. Budget Meetings Schedule (Exhibit)
- XI. New Business
  - A. Discuss and act on second reading and adoption of 2017-2018 school calendar. (Exhibit)
  - B. Discuss Draft 2017-2018 Budget. (Exhibit)
- XII. Old Business
  - A. Discuss and act on administrative services.
- XIII. Board Policy
- XIV. Request for Information
- XV. Next Meeting - April 3, 2017
- XVI. Adjournment

# Veazie School Department YTD Revenue

Report # 2964

Statement Code: Revenue

Account Number	Description	Adopted Budget	Current Period	Reported Period	Amount	Percent
		7 1 2016 - 6 30 2017	2 1 2017 - 2 28 2017	7 1 2016 - 2 28 2017	7 1 2016 - 2 28 2017	7 1 2016 - 2 28 2017
1000-0000-0000-41211-000	Local Allocation - Veazie	(1,878,290.00)	0.00	(1,095,669.19)	(782,620.81)	41.66%
1000-0000-0000-41213-000	Additional Local Funds - Veazie	(950,463.72)	0.00	(554,437.17)	(396,026.55)	41.66%
1000-0000-0000-41510-000	Interest Income	0.00	(1,008.45)	(6,918.65)	6,918.65	---
1000-0000-0000-41910-000	Use of Facilities	0.00	(100.00)	(160.00)	460.00	---
1000-0000-0000-41981-000	Refund Prior Year's Expenditures	0.00	0.00	(29.00)	29.00	---
1000-0000-0000-41991-000	Refund MISMA WC premium	0.00	0.00	(508.00)	508.00	---
1000-0000-0000-43110-000	State Allocation - Veazie	(814,269.29)	(69,452.03)	(555,616.24)	(258,653.05)	31.76%
1000-0000-0000-43111-000	State Subsidy/Debt Service	(287,450.13)	0.00	(268,295.00)	(19,155.13)	6.66%
1000-0000-0000-45000-000	Veazie Balance Forward	(226,708.53)	0.00	0.00	(226,708.53)	100.00%
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>\$(4,157,181.67)</b>	<b>\$(70,560.48)</b>	<b>\$(2,481,933.25)</b>	<b>\$(1,675,248.42)</b>	<b>40.29%</b>

# **Veazie School Department** **Budget by Warrant Articles - Total**

Report # 2962

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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 - 2-28-2017	7-1-2016 - 2-28-2017	7-1-2016 - 2-28-2017	7-1-2016 - 2-28-2017
Total Article 1 - Reg Instr.	\$2,176,942.71	\$0.00	\$2,176,942.71	\$1,146,804.94	\$1,837.06	\$1,028,300.71	47.23%
Total Article 2 - SpEd Instr.	\$741,764.88	\$0.00	\$741,764.88	\$317,493.56	\$214.70	\$424,056.62	57.16%
Total Article 3 - CTE Instr.	\$29,021.00	\$0.00	\$29,021.00	\$17,641.44	\$0.00	\$11,379.56	39.21%
Total Article 4 - Other Instr.	\$37,036.36	\$0.00	\$37,036.36	\$15,209.09	\$300.00	\$21,527.27	58.39%
Total Article 5 - Stu & Staff	\$223,716.31	\$0.00	\$223,716.31	\$119,852.33	\$0.00	\$103,863.98	46.42%
Total Article 6 - System Admin	\$101,817.54	\$0.00	\$101,817.54	\$87,767.45	\$0.00	\$14,050.09	43.26%
Total Article 7 - Schl Admin.	\$124,480.71	\$0.00	\$124,480.71	\$82,453.74	\$0.00	\$42,026.97	33.76%
Total Article 8 - Transport	\$140,300.00	\$0.00	\$140,300.00	\$79,402.50	\$0.00	\$60,897.50	43.40%
Total Article 9 - Op & Maint	\$253,736.00	\$0.00	\$253,736.00	\$139,524.57	\$0.00	\$114,211.43	45.01%
Total Article 10 - Debt Svc.	\$288,366.16	\$0.00	\$288,366.16	\$269,150.02	\$0.00	\$19,216.14	6.66%
Total Article 11 - Other	\$40,000.00	\$0.00	\$40,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	25.00%
TOTAL BUDGET	\$4,157,181.67	\$0.00	\$4,157,181.67	\$2,275,299.64	\$2,251.76	\$1,879,630.27	45.21%

## MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

TO: Mark E. Leonard, Veazie Town Manager  
CC: Veazie Town Council  
FROM: Benjamin F. Birch, Jr., Assessor  
Date: March 7, 2017

### **RE: Assessor's Update as of March 7, 2016**

As Assessor, I thank for the opportunity to provide this assessment update. As you know, I provide information from the Maine Real Estate Information System, Inc., d/b/a Maine Listings and the Office of the Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight (OFHEO) now the Federal Housing Finance Agency, recent news releases.

#### **A. News releases from Maine Real Estate Information System, Inc., (d/b/a) Maine Listings)**

**AUGUSTA (November 22, 2016); October Home Sales Up 5.0 Percent; Prices Increase 2.67 Percent.**

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Ed Gardner, President of the Maine Association of Realtors and Broker/Owner of Ocean Gate Realty LLC, said, "The October statistics are indicative of continued stability in Maine's real estate market. Despite the recent upward movement in mortgage interest rates, the current rates are lower than at this time in 2015 and remain at historically low levels. See Enclosure 1.

**AUGUSTA (December 21, 2016); Maine Homes Sales Increase 17.74 Percent; November Prices up 6.59 Percent**

According to the Maine Association of Realtors, 1,414 homes changed hands during the month of November 2016, up 17.74 % over November 2015. The median sales price (MSP) for those homes reached \$191,863 up 6.59 percent over November 2015.

“The statistics from November show continued stability in most markets across Maine;” According to Ed Gardner, Broker Owner of Ocean Gate Realty and President of the Maine Association of Realtors. See Enclosure 2.

**AUGUSTA (January 24, 2017); Maine Home Sales Up 11.74 Percent in 2016; Prices increased 4.93 Percent.**

A strong confidence in the economy has fueled sales of single-family existing homes across the state of Maine. According to Maine Listings, 17,507 homes closed across Maine’s 16-counties during the 12 months of 2016. The yearly statewide median sales price (MSP) of \$189,400 represents a 4.93 percent jump. Statewide sales for the month of December 2016 were up 11.06 percent while the statewide MSP increased 4.08 percent to \$185,000 compared to December 2015. See Enclosure 3.

**AUGUSTA (February 22, 2017); Maine Home Sales Increase 7.87 Percent in January.**

Sales of single-family existing homes in Maine remain stable and healthy. The Maine Association of Realtors reported a 7.87 percent increase in sales during the month of January 2017 (compared to January 2016). Realtors across the state sold 959 homes, with a median sales price (MSP) of \$190,000.



“In many markets across Maine, buyers need more housing inventory.” says 2017 Maine Association of Realtors President Greg Gosselin, Owner Broker of Gosselin Realty Group in York. “Statewide, the inventory of ‘for-sale homes’ is 24 percent lower than this time a year ago.

“Mortgage interest rates remain historically low, households have confidence in their job security, and buyers are searching now in anticipation of moving this spring. The time is right to place your home on the market.” See Enclosure 4.

#### **B. News releases from the Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA).**

Washington, D.C. (December 22, 2016); **FHFA House Price Index Up 0.4 Percent in October.**

U.S. house prices rose in October, up **0.4 percent** on a seasonally adjusted basis from the previous month, according to the Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA) monthly House Price Index (HPI). The previously reported 0.6 percent increase in September remained the same. **From October 2015 to October 2016, house prices were up 6.2 percent.**

For the nine census divisions, seasonally adjusted monthly price changes from September 2016 to October 2016 ranged from **-0.6 percent** in the East South Central divisions to **+1.2 percent** in the Mountain division. The 12-month changes were all positive, ranging from **+3.6 percent** in the Middle Atlantic division to **+8.3 percent** in the Mountain division. See Enclosure 5.

Washington, D.C. (January 25, 2017); **FHFA House Price Index Up 0.5 Percent in November.**

U.S. House prices rose in November, up **0.5 percent** on a seasonally adjusted basis from the previous month, according to the Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA) monthly House Price Index (HPI). The previously reported 0.4 percent increase in October was revised downward to reflect a 0.3 percent increase. **From November 2015 to November 2016, the house prices were up 6.1 percent.**

For the nine census divisions, seasonally adjusted monthly price changes from October 2016 to November 2016 ranged from **-0.2 percent** in the South Atlantic division to **+1.5 percent** in the Pacific division. The 12-month changes were all positive, ranging from **+4.7 percent** in the Middle Atlantic division to **+7.7 percent** in the Pacific division. See Enclosure 6.

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## **OCTOBER HOME SALES UP 5.0 PERCENT; PRICES INCREASE 2.67 PERCENT**

AUGUSTA (Nov. 22, 2016)—Despite rising interest rates, home sales across Maine continue at a healthy pace, according to Maine Listings. Last month, Realtors reported 1,639 sales of single-family existing homes—an increase of 5.0 percent compared to October 2015. Prices continue to rise; the median home sale for October 2016 reached \$192,500, a rise of 2.67 percent. The MSP indicates that half of the homes were sold for more and half sold for less.

The National Association of Realtors today announced a 6.6 percent national increase in the sale of single-family existing homes in October 2016 compared to October 2015. A national MSP of \$233,700 reflects a 5.9 percent uptick in price. Regionally, sales in the Northeast are up 1.4 percent from last year, and the regional MSP rose 2.9 percent to \$255,500.

Ed Gardner, President of the Maine Association of Realtors and Broker/Owner of Ocean Gate Realty LLC, said, “The October statistics are indicative of continued stability in Maine’s real estate markets. Despite the recent upward movement in mortgage interest rates, the current rates are lower than at this time in 2015 and remain at historically low levels.

“Maine families continue to buy real estate to take advantage of the equity accumulation and tax benefits or property ownership. REALTORS across the state indicate that ‘for sale’ inventory levels are adequate to provide choice and amenities at all price points. Motivated buyers should have confidence for their end-of-year purchase.”

Below are two charts showing statistics for Maine and its 16 counties. The first chart lists statistics for the month of October only, statewide. The second chart compares the number of existing, single-family homes sold (units) and volume (MSP) during the rolling quarter of August, September and October of 2015 and 2016.

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## OCTOBER ONLY CHART

October 1-31, 2015 – October 1-31, 2016

County	NUMBER OF UNITS			MEDIAN SALE PRICE		
	2015	2016	%Change	2015	2016	%Change
<b>STATEWIDE</b>	<b>1561</b>	<b>1639</b>	<b>5.00%</b>	<b>\$187,500</b>	<b>\$192,500</b>	<b>2.67%</b>

## ROLLING QUARTER CHART

From August 1, 2015 – October 31, 2015 and  
August 1, 2016 – October 31, 2016

County	NUMBER OF UNITS			MEDIAN SALE PRICE		
	2015	2016	%Change	2015	2016	%Change
<b>STATEWIDE</b>	<b>4854</b>	<b>5211</b>	<b>7.35%</b>	<b>\$187,000</b>	<b>\$192,600</b>	<b>2.99%</b>
Androscoggin	270	320	18.52%	\$143,500	\$154,750	7.84%
Aroostook	129	186	44.19%	\$98,900	\$85,000	-14.05%
Cumberland	1282	1168	-8.89%	\$256,400	\$272,000	6.08%
Franklin	105	129	22.86%	\$122,500	\$135,000	10.20%
Hancock	207	262	26.57%	\$196,000	\$203,000	3.57%
Kennebec	420	451	7.38%	\$145,500	\$148,000	1.72%
Knox	180	173	-3.89%	\$189,125	\$197,500	4.43%
Lincoln	164	182	10.98%	\$215,000	\$238,250	10.81%
Oxford	200	231	15.50%	\$145,200	\$153,000	5.37%
Penobscot	397	511	28.72%	\$132,000	\$137,000	3.79%
Piscataquis	90	100	11.11%	\$82,100	\$89,450	8.95%
Sagadahoc	134	158	17.91%	\$195,500	\$221,250	13.17%
Somerset	148	175	18.24%	\$111,500	\$119,000	6.73%
Waldo	167	142	-14.97%	\$144,000	\$153,450	6.56%
Washington	103	102	-0.97%	\$90,000	\$89,500	-0.56%
York	858	921	7.34%	\$234,250	\$250,000	6.72%

Source: Maine Real Estate Information System, Inc. (d/b/a Maine Listings). Note: Maine Listings, a subsidiary of the Maine Association of REALTORS, is a statewide Multiple Listing Service with over 4,300 licensees inputting active and sold property listing data. Statistics reflect properties reported as sold in the system within the time periods indicated. Contacts: Maine Association of REALTORS President Ed Gardner (Ocean Gate Realty, LLC) – 773-1919 – [ed@oceangaterealty.com](mailto:ed@oceangaterealty.com) - Maine Association of REALTORS President-Elect Greg Gosselin (Gosselin Realty Group) – 363-2414 – [greg@greggosselin.com](mailto:greg@greggosselin.com) For more names: [Suzanne@mainerealtors.com](mailto:Suzanne@mainerealtors.com)

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## **MAINE HOME SALES INCREASE 17.74 PERCENT; NOVEMBER PRICES UP 6.59 PERCENT**

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Nationally, sales of single-family existing homes jumped 16.2 percent since last November. The National Association of Realtors today reported a 6.8 percent rise of the national MSP to \$236,500. The regional Northeast experienced a 15.7 percent increase in sales while the regional MSP was up 3.3 percent to \$263,000.

“The statistics from November show continued stability in most markets across Maine.” according to Ed Gardner, Broker Owner of Ocean Gate Realty and President of the Maine Association of REALTORS.

“With the elections over, mortgage rates have risen slightly but remain at a sustained historical low. The financial markets have shown a spurt of growth over the past month and portfolios with stock market exposure may provide resources for investing in real estate. If you’re planning to sell or buy in 2017, contact your investment advisor and your REALTOR before year-end to discuss timing and strategy to gain your best advantage.”

Below are two charts showing statistics for Maine and its 16 counties. The first chart lists statistics for the month of November only, statewide. The second chart compares the number of existing, single-family homes sold (units) and volume (MSP) during the rolling quarter of September, October and November of 2015 and 2016.

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## NOVEMBER ONLY CHART

November 1-30, 2015 – November 1-30, 2016

County	NUMBER OF UNITS			MEDIAN SALE PRICE		
	2015	2016	%Change	2015	2016	%Change
<b>STATEWIDE</b>	<b>1201</b>	<b>1414</b>	<b>17.74%</b>	<b>\$180,000</b>	<b>\$191,863</b>	<b>6.59%</b>

## ROLLING QUARTER CHART

From September 1, 2015 – November 30, 2015 and  
September 1, 2016 – November 30, 2016

County	NUMBER OF UNITS			MEDIAN SALE PRICE		
	2015	2016	%Change	2015	2016	%Change
<b>STATEWIDE</b>	<b>4394</b>	<b>4785</b>	<b>8.90%</b>	<b>\$185,000</b>	<b>\$190,000</b>	<b>2.70%</b>
Androscoggin	247	302	22.27%	\$138,075	\$150,000	8.64%
Aroostook	123	175	44.28%	\$84,000	\$83,000	-1.19%
Cumberland	1089	1078	-1.01%	\$260,000	\$265,000	1.92%
Franklin	107	113	5.61%	\$120,000	\$135,000	12.50%
Hancock	222	237	6.76%	\$215,000	\$218,500	1.63%
Kennebec	384	409	6.51%	\$138,500	\$149,000	7.58%
Knox	156	170	8.97%	\$187,250	\$222,250	18.69%
Lincoln	160	182	13.75%	\$205,000	\$208,400	1.66%
Oxford	184	232	26.09%	\$144,950	\$146,000	0.72%
Penobscot	367	434	18.26%	\$130,000	\$136,650	5.12%
Piscataquis	89	96	7.87%	\$89,900	\$99,000	10.12%
Sagadahoc	122	122	0.00%	\$199,500	\$215,000	7.77%
Somerset	131	157	19.85%	\$110,000	\$119,000	8.18%
Waldo	145	144	-0.69%	\$150,000	\$163,250	8.83%
Washington	105	96	-8.57%	\$100,500	\$111,000	10.45%
York	763	838	9.83%	\$235,000	\$250,000	6.38%

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Today, the National Association of Realtors announced a 1.5 percent sales increase during the month of December only, nationwide. The national MSP rose 3.8 percent to \$233,500. Regionally, sales in the Northeast were up 2.7 percent in December, while the regional MSP decreased 3.8 percent to \$245,900.

"The sales year of 2016 ended with the highest number of reported transactions (17,507) since we began compiling data 18 years ago," said 2017 Maine Association of REALTORS President Greg Gosselin, Owner/Broker of Gosselin Realty Group in York.

"Coupled with continued favorable financing terms available to borrowers and confidence in the economy, the strong 2016 year-end gives good momentum for 2017. I have spoken with REALTORS from all over Maine this month and they report steady calls from sellers preparing to market their properties – and buyers looking to take advantage of 'for sale' inventory coming into the marketplace after the holidays."

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## DECEMBER ONLY CHART

December 1-31, 2015 – December 1-31, 2016

	NUMBER OF UNITS			MEDIAN SALES PRICE		
	2015	2016	%Change	2015	2016	%Change
<b>STATEWIDE</b>	<b>1,248</b>	<b>1,386</b>	<b>11.06%</b>	<b>\$177,750</b>	<b>\$185,000</b>	<b>4.08%</b>

## FULL YEAR CHART 2016

From January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2015 and  
January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2016

County	NUMBER OF UNITS			MEDIAN SALES PRICE		
	2015	2016	%Change	2015	2016	%Change
<b>STATEWIDE</b>	<b>15,672</b>	<b>17,507</b>	<b>11.71%</b>	<b>\$180,500</b>	<b>\$189,400</b>	<b>4.93%</b>
Androscoggin	934	1,109	18.74%	\$136,750	\$146,700	7.28%
Aroostook	470	563	19.79%	\$87,250	\$82,500	-5.44%
Cumberland	4141	4,252	2.68%	\$250,000	\$265,000	6.00%
Franklin	313	392	25.24%	\$129,500	\$125,625	-2.99%
Hancock	667	779	16.79%	\$191,000	\$194,000	1.57%
Kennebec	1,325	1,453	9.66%	\$139,000	\$145,000	4.32%
Knox	536	573	6.90%	\$183,500	\$212,000	15.53%
Lincoln	488	595	21.93%	\$189,500	\$210,000	10.82%
Oxford	684	817	19.44%	\$134,900	\$142,000	5.26%
Penobscot	1,393	1,672	20.03%	\$130,000	\$133,000	2.31%
Piscataquis	268	301	12.31%	\$87,500	\$85,000	-2.86%
Sagadahoc	434	499	14.98%	\$187,000	\$198,000	5.88%
Somerset	466	545	16.95%	\$93,250	\$100,000	7.24%
Waldo	479	492	2.71%	\$144,000	\$159,950	11.08%
Washington	281	343	22.06%	\$94,000	\$95,000	1.06%
York	2,793	3,122	11.78%	\$226,000	\$239,000	5.75%

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## **MAINE HOME SALES INCREASE 7.87 PERCENT IN JANUARY**

AUGUSTA (February 22, 2017)— Sales of single-family existing homes in Maine remain stable and healthy. The Maine Association of Realtors reported a 7.87 percent increase in sales during the month of January 2017 (compared to January 2016). Realtors across the state sold 959 homes, with a median sales price (MSP) of \$190,000. The MSP indicates that half of the homes were sold for more and half sold for less.

National sales of single-family homes rose 3.7 percent in the past year. According to the National Association of Realtors, the national MSP for those homes reached \$230,400 in January—an increase of 7.3 percent. Regionally, sales in the Northeast were up 6.7 percent and the regional MSP increased 2.5 percent to \$253,800.

“In many markets across Maine, buyers need more housing inventory,” says 2017 Maine Association of Realtors President Greg Gosselin, Owner Broker of Gosselin Realty Group in York. “Statewide, the inventory of ‘for-sale homes’ is 24 percent lower than this time a year ago.

“Mortgage interest rates remain historically low, households have confidence in their job security, and buyers are searching now in anticipation of moving this spring. The time is right to place your home on the market.”

Below are two charts showing statistics for Maine and its 16 counties. The first chart lists statistics for the month of January only, statewide. The second chart compares the number of existing, single-family homes sold (units) and volume (MSP) during the rolling quarter of November through January.

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## JANUARY ONLY CHART

January 1-31, 2016 – January 1-31, 2017

	NUMBER OF UNITS			MEDIAN SALES PRICE		
	2016	2017	%Change	2016	2017	%Change
STATEWIDE	889	959	7.87%	\$175,500	\$190,000	8.26%

## ROLLING QUARTER CHART

From November 1, 2015 – January 31, 2016 (A) and

November 1, 2016 – January 31, 2017 (B)

County	NUMBER OF UNITS			MEDIAN SALES PRICE		
	(A) 2015-2016	(B) 2016-2017	%Change	(A) 2015-2016	(B) 2016-2017	%Change
STATEWIDE	3338	3759	12.61%	\$177,500	\$189,000	6.48%
Androscoggin	191	242	26.70%	\$130,000	\$144,000	10.77%
Aroostook	104	129	24.04%	\$69,250	\$87,500	26.35%
Cumberland	828	879	6.16%	\$245,000	\$260,000	6.12%
Franklin	71	72	1.41%	\$112,000	\$135,000	20.54%
Hancock	150	165	10.00%	\$227,500	\$225,000	-1.10%
Kennebec	270	316	17.04%	\$137,250	\$143,450	4.52%
Knox	106	136	28.30%	\$181,500	\$215,225	18.58%
Lincoln	118	144	22.03%	\$196,500	\$221,111	12.52%
Oxford	163	208	27.61%	\$126,500	\$135,000	6.72%
Penobscot	307	330	7.49%	\$112,500	\$125,000	11.11%
Piscataquis	57	63	10.53%	\$89,900	\$95,000	5.67%
Sagadahoc	104	77	-25.96%	\$183,750	\$194,000	5.58%
Somerset	104	116	11.54%	\$80,500	\$110,000	36.65%
Waldo	89	127	42.70%	\$150,000	\$173,000	15.33%
Washington	73	79	8.22%	\$108,000	\$115,000	6.48%
York	603	676	12.11%	\$220,000	\$245,500	11.59%

Source: Maine Real Estate Information System, Inc. (d/b/a Maine Listings). Note: Maine Listings, a subsidiary of the Maine Association of REALTORS, is a statewide Multiple Listing Service with over 4,500 licensees inputting active and sold property listing data. Statistics reflect properties reported as sold in the system within the time periods indicated. Contacts: Maine Association of REALTORS President Greg Gosselin (Gosselin Realty Group) – 363-2414 - [greg@greggosselin.com](mailto:greg@greggosselin.com) - Maine Association of REALTORS President-Elect Kim Gleason (McAllister Real Estate) – 621-2345 - [kimgleason@myfairpoint.net](mailto:kimgleason@myfairpoint.net) For more names: [suzanne@mainerealtors.com](mailto:suzanne@mainerealtors.com).

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### FHFA House Price Index Up 0.4 Percent in October

**Washington, DC** – U.S. house prices rose in October, up **0.4 percent** on a seasonally adjusted basis from the previous month, according to the Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA) monthly House Price Index (HPI). The previously reported 0.6 percent increase in September remained unchanged.

The FHFA monthly HPI is calculated using home sales price information from mortgages sold to, or guaranteed by, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. From October 2015 to October 2016, house prices were up **6.2 percent**.

For the nine census divisions, seasonally adjusted monthly price changes from September 2016 to October 2016 ranged from **-0.6 percent** in the East South Central division to **+1.2 percent** in the Mountain division. The 12-month changes were all positive, ranging from **+3.6 percent** in the Middle Atlantic division to **+8.3 percent** in the Mountain division.

Monthly index values and appreciation rate estimates for recent periods are provided in the table and graphs on the following pages. Complete historical downloadable data and HPI release dates for 2017 are available on the [HPI page](#).

For detailed information on the HPI, see [HPI Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ\)](#). The next HPI report will be released January 25, 2017 and will include monthly data through November 2016.

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## States in Each Census Division

<b>Pacific:</b>	Hawaii, Alaska, Washington, Oregon, California
<b>Mountain:</b>	Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, Nevada, Utah, Colorado, Arizona, New Mexico
<b>West North Central:</b>	North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri
<b>West South Central:</b>	Oklahoma, Arkansas, Texas, Louisiana
<b>East North Central</b>	Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio
<b>East South Central:</b>	Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama
<b>New England:</b>	Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut
<b>Middle Atlantic:</b>	New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania
<b>South Atlantic:</b>	Delaware, Maryland, District of Columbia, Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida

# Monthly Price Change Estimates for U.S. and Census Divisions

(Purchase-Only Index, Seasonally Adjusted)

	U.S.	Pacific	Mountain	West North Central	West South Central	East North Central	East South Central	New England	Middle Atlantic	South Atlantic
<b>Sep 16 - Oct 16</b>	<b>0.4%</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>1.2%</b>	<b>-0.2%</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>0.6%</b>	<b>-0.6%</b>	<b>0.9%</b>	<b>0.3%</b>	<b>0.7%</b>
<b>Aug 16 - Sep 16</b> (Previous Estimate)	<b>0.6%</b>	<b>1.3%</b>	<b>0.6%</b>	<b>0.6%</b>	<b>0.9%</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>0.3%</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>0.9%</b>
<b>Jul 16 - Aug 16</b> (Previous Estimate)	<b>0.6%</b>	<b>1.3%</b>	<b>0.7%</b>	<b>0.4%</b>	<b>0.9%</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>-0.2%</b>	<b>0.4%</b>	<b>0.5%</b>
<b>Jun 16 - Jul 16</b> (Previous Estimate)	<b>0.8%</b>	<b>0.6%</b>	<b>0.5%</b>	<b>-0.1%</b>	<b>0.6%</b>	<b>1.1%</b>	<b>0.7%</b>	<b>1.0%</b>	<b>0.6%</b>	<b>1.1%</b>
<b>May 16 - Jun 16</b> (Previous Estimate)	<b>0.7%</b>	<b>0.6%</b>	<b>0.4%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.4%</b>	<b>0.9%</b>	<b>0.8%</b>	<b>1.1%</b>	<b>0.5%</b>	<b>1.2%</b>
<b>Apr 16 - May 16</b> (Previous Estimate)	<b>0.5%</b>	<b>0.6%</b>	<b>0.3%</b>	<b>1.2%</b>	<b>0.6%</b>	<b>0.3%</b>	<b>1.0%</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>0.3%</b>
<b>Oct 15 - Nov 15</b>	<b>0.5%</b>	<b>0.5%</b>	<b>0.4%</b>	<b>1.1%</b>	<b>0.6%</b>	<b>0.3%</b>	<b>1.1%</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>0.3%</b>
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<b>12-Month Change:</b>										
<b>Oct 15 - Oct 16</b>	<b>6.2%</b>	<b>8.0%</b>	<b>8.3%</b>	<b>4.9%</b>	<b>5.9%</b>	<b>5.6%</b>	<b>4.7%</b>	<b>5.0%</b>	<b>3.6%</b>	<b>7.6%</b>

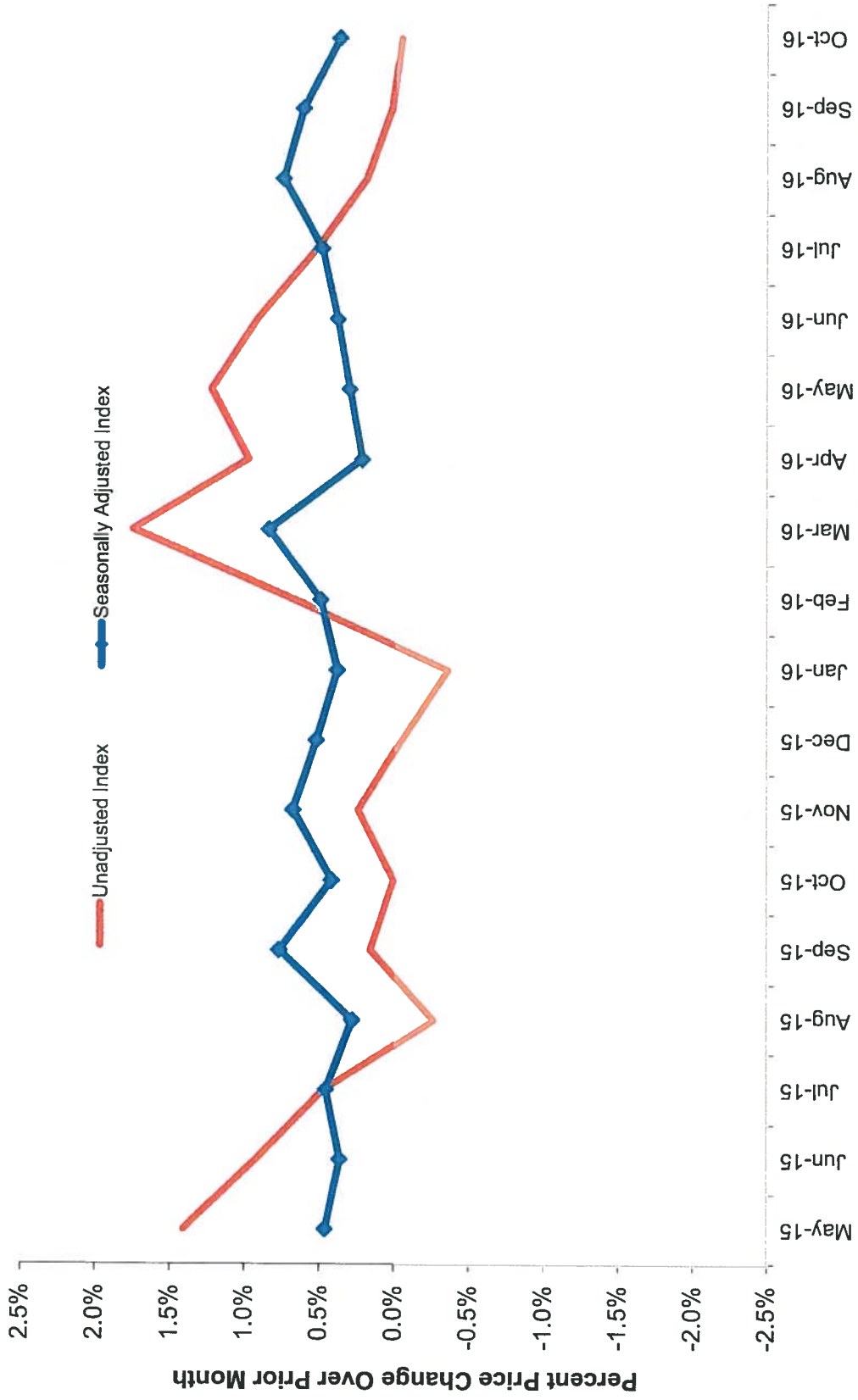
## Monthly Index Values for Latest 18 Months: U.S. and Census Divisions

(Purchase-Only Index, Seasonally Adjusted, January 1991 = 100)

	U.S.	Pacific	Mountain	West North Central	West South Central	East North Central	East South Central	New England	Middle Atlantic	South Atlantic
October-16	240.2	271.6	310.9	239.4	256.3	200.3	219.1	230.9	219.5	244.5
September-16	239.3	271.0	307.3	239.8	256.0	199.1	220.5	228.8	218.9	242.9
August-16	237.8	267.6	305.4	238.4	253.8	198.8	220.2	228.1	218.7	240.8
July-16	236.1	266.0	303.7	238.6	252.3	196.6	218.6	225.9	217.4	238.2
June-16	234.9	264.3	302.8	235.7	250.9	196.0	216.4	225.4	216.9	237.6
May-16	234.0	264.2	301.7	235.1	249.7	195.0	216.7	225.1	216.2	235.8
April-16	233.3	264.7	299.0	235.3	248.3	194.8	215.0	227.7	214.1	234.8
March-16	232.8	263.2	299.5	233.7	248.0	195.1	214.2	223.4	214.7	234.6
February-16	230.9	260.0	292.9	232.7	245.5	193.5	214.1	223.3	214.7	232.3
January-16	229.7	256.8	292.0	233.0	242.9	192.9	213.7	223.3	212.1	232.5
December-15	228.8	257.2	289.5	230.8	243.4	191.5	213.3	222.8	213.3	230.1
November-15	227.6	255.8	292.6	229.6	242.1	190.0	210.3	220.7	210.3	229.1
October-15	226.1	251.5	287.2	228.3	242.1	189.7	209.4	220.0	211.8	227.2
September-15	225.2	250.5	286.3	227.0	240.2	188.7	208.3	221.6	212.1	225.7
August-15	223.4	247.7	283.5	226.8	239.2	186.3	207.3	218.7	210.8	224.4
July-15	222.8	246.3	283.7	224.4	238.0	187.2	207.2	218.4	211.2	222.9
June-15	221.8	245.1	278.4	223.6	236.6	187.4	206.3	220.7	209.0	222.1
May-15	221.0	244.1	278.2	223.9	236.2	186.6	205.9	216.6	208.3	221.2

Source: FHFA

# Seasonally Adjusted and Unadjusted Monthly Appreciation Rates Purchase-Only Index for U.S.



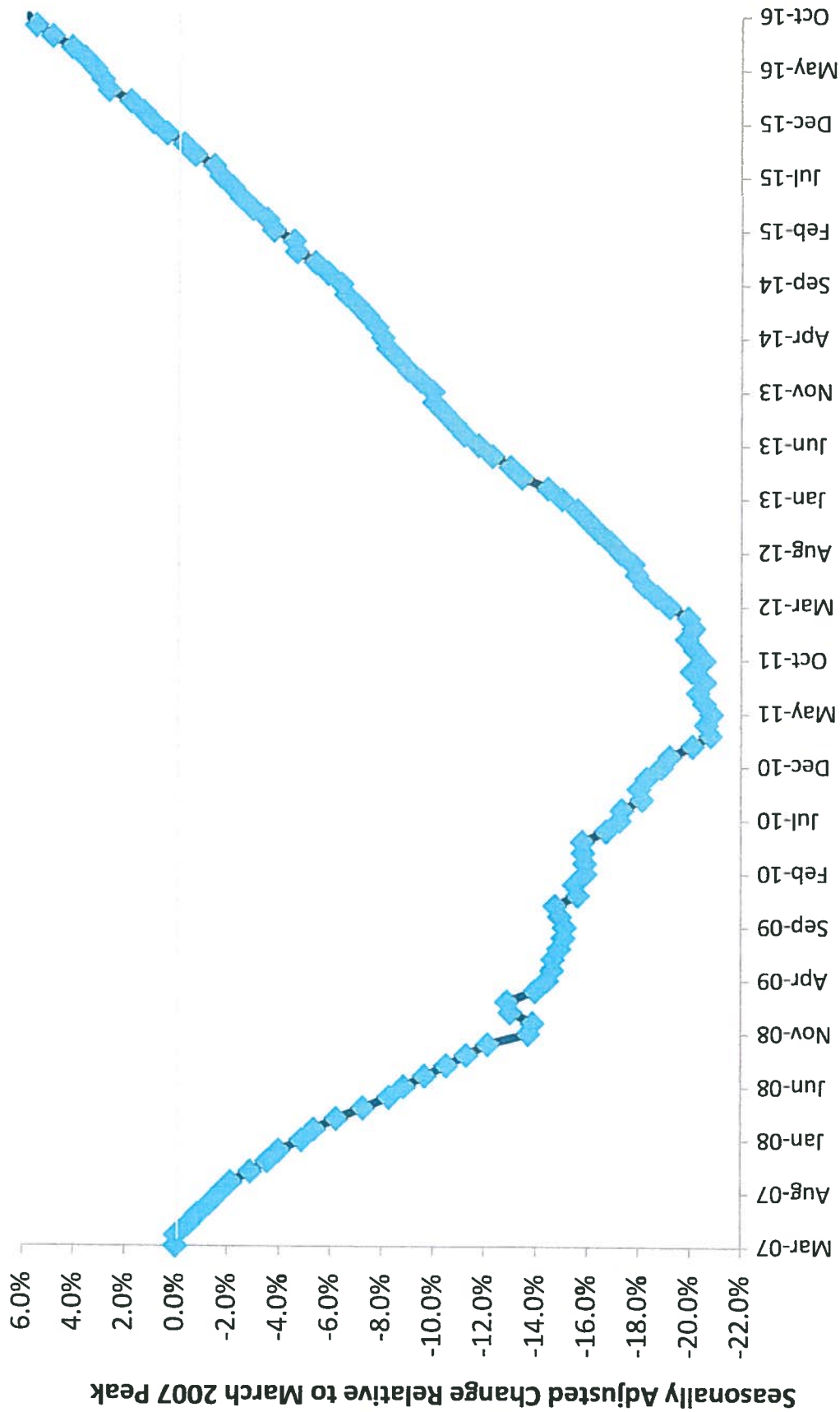
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## Purchase-Only, Seasonally Adjusted Index, January 1991 - Present



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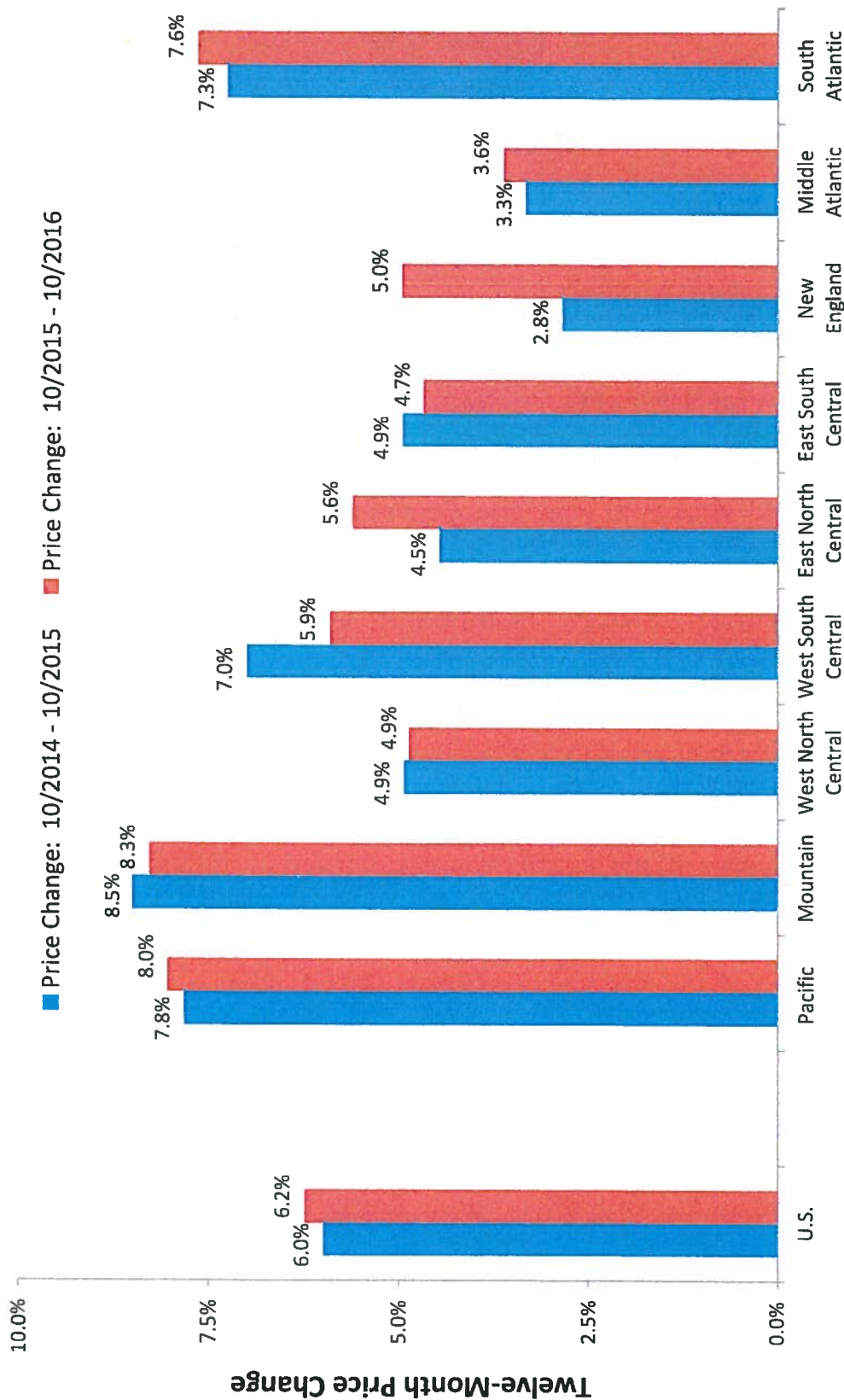
Purchase-Only, Seasonally Adjusted Index



Source: FHFA



# Twelve-Month Price Changes – Prior Year vs. Most Recent Year Purchase-Only Index



Source: FHFA

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### FHFA House Price Index Up 0.5 Percent in November

**Washington, DC** – U.S. house prices rose in November, up **0.5 percent** on a seasonally adjusted basis from the previous month, according to the Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA) monthly House Price Index (HPI). The previously reported 0.4 percent increase in October was revised downward to a 0.3 percent increase.

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For the nine census divisions, seasonally adjusted monthly price changes from October 2016 to November 2016 ranged from **-0.2 percent** in the South Atlantic division to **+1.5 percent** in the Pacific division. The 12-month changes were all positive, ranging from **+4.7 percent** in the Middle Atlantic division to **+7.7 percent** in the Pacific division.

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<b>West South Central:</b>	Oklahoma, Arkansas, Texas, Louisiana
<b>East North Central</b>	Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio
<b>East South Central:</b>	Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama
<b>New England:</b>	Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut
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**Table 1: Monthly Price Change Estimates for U.S. and Census Divisions**  
(Purchase-Only Index, Seasonally Adjusted)

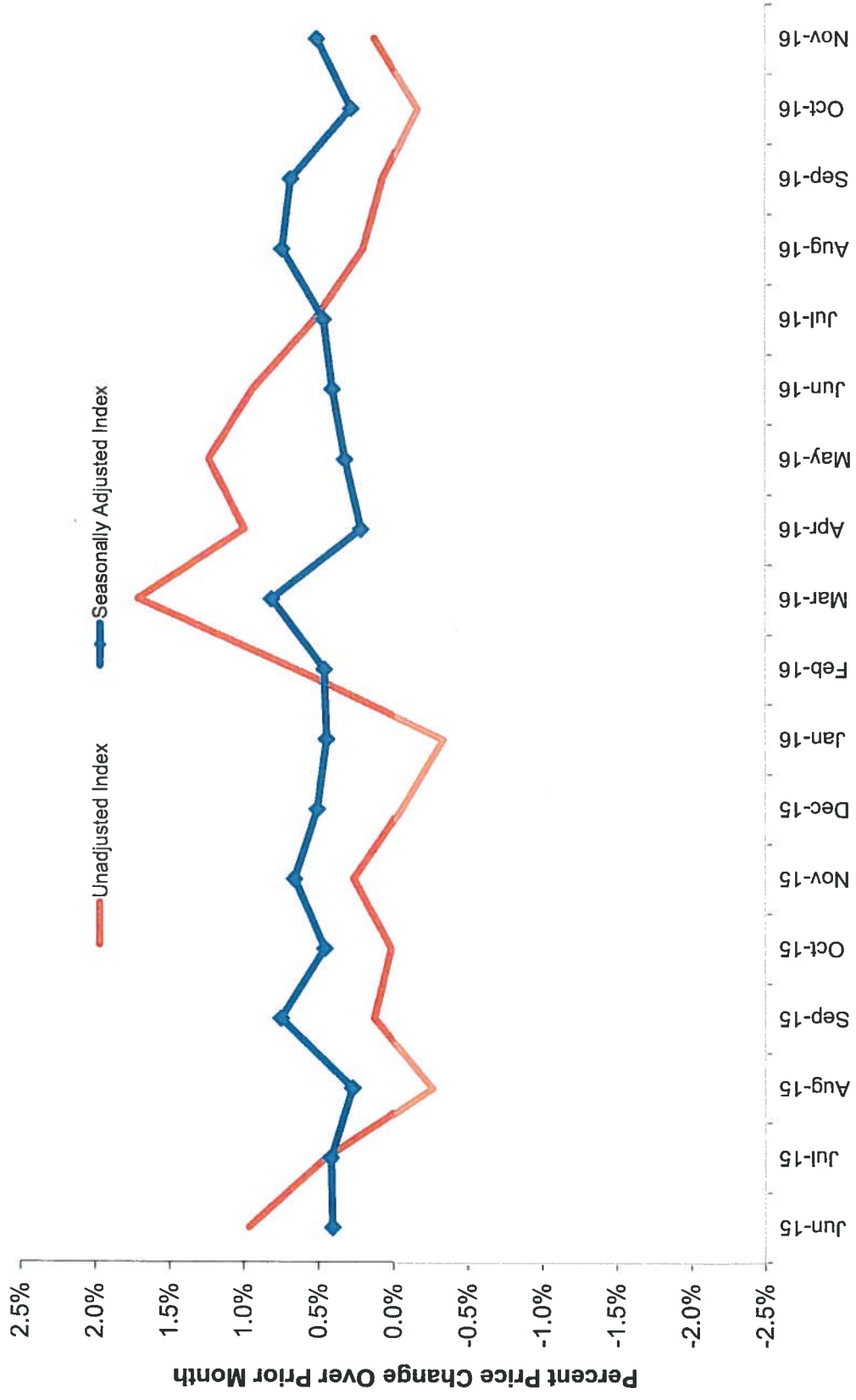
	U.S.	Pacific	Mountain	West North Central	West South Central	East North Central	East South Central	New England	Middle Atlantic	South Atlantic
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Sep 16 - Oct 16 (Previous Estimate)	0.3%	0.0%	1.1%	-0.1%	0.1%	0.5%	-0.6%	1.0%	0.2%	0.4%
Aug 16 - Sep 16 (Previous Estimate)	0.4%	0.2%	1.2%	-0.2%	0.1%	0.6%	-0.6%	0.9%	0.3%	0.7%
Jul 16 - Aug 16 (Previous Estimate)	0.7%	1.4%	0.8%	0.6%	1.0%	0.3%	0.1%	0.3%	0.2%	0.9%
Jun 16 - Jul 16 (Previous Estimate)	0.6%	1.3%	0.6%	0.6%	0.9%	0.2%	0.1%	0.3%	0.1%	0.9%
May 16 - Jun 16 (Previous Estimate)	0.7%	0.6%	0.7%	0.0%	0.5%	1.0%	0.8%	1.1%	0.7%	1.0%
	0.8%	0.6%	0.5%	-0.1%	0.6%	1.1%	0.7%	1.0%	0.6%	1.1%
Nov 15 - Nov 16	0.5%	0.6%	0.3%	1.1%	0.6%	0.3%	1.0%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%
	0.5%	0.6%	0.3%	1.2%	0.6%	0.3%	1.0%	0.2%	0.2%	0.3%
12-Month Change:	0.4%	0.0%	0.4%	0.3%	0.5%	0.5%	-0.1%	0.1%	0.3%	0.8%
	6.1%	7.7%	7.5%	5.6%	5.8%	5.4%	5.5%	5.6%	4.7%	6.2%

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February-16	230.7	259.8	292.8	232.5	245.4	193.4	214.0	223.0	214.5	232.3
January-16	229.7	256.7	291.7	232.8	242.8	192.7	213.6	224.0	212.2	232.5
December-15	228.7	256.7	289.4	230.6	243.1	191.4	213.2	222.7	213.1	230.0
November-15	227.5	255.7	291.9	228.9	242.2	190.0	210.2	220.4	211.7	229.1
October-15	226.0	251.3	286.7	228.3	241.7	189.5	209.6	220.0	211.7	227.2
September-15	225.0	250.3	286.4	227.1	240.1	188.7	208.1	221.0	211.8	225.3
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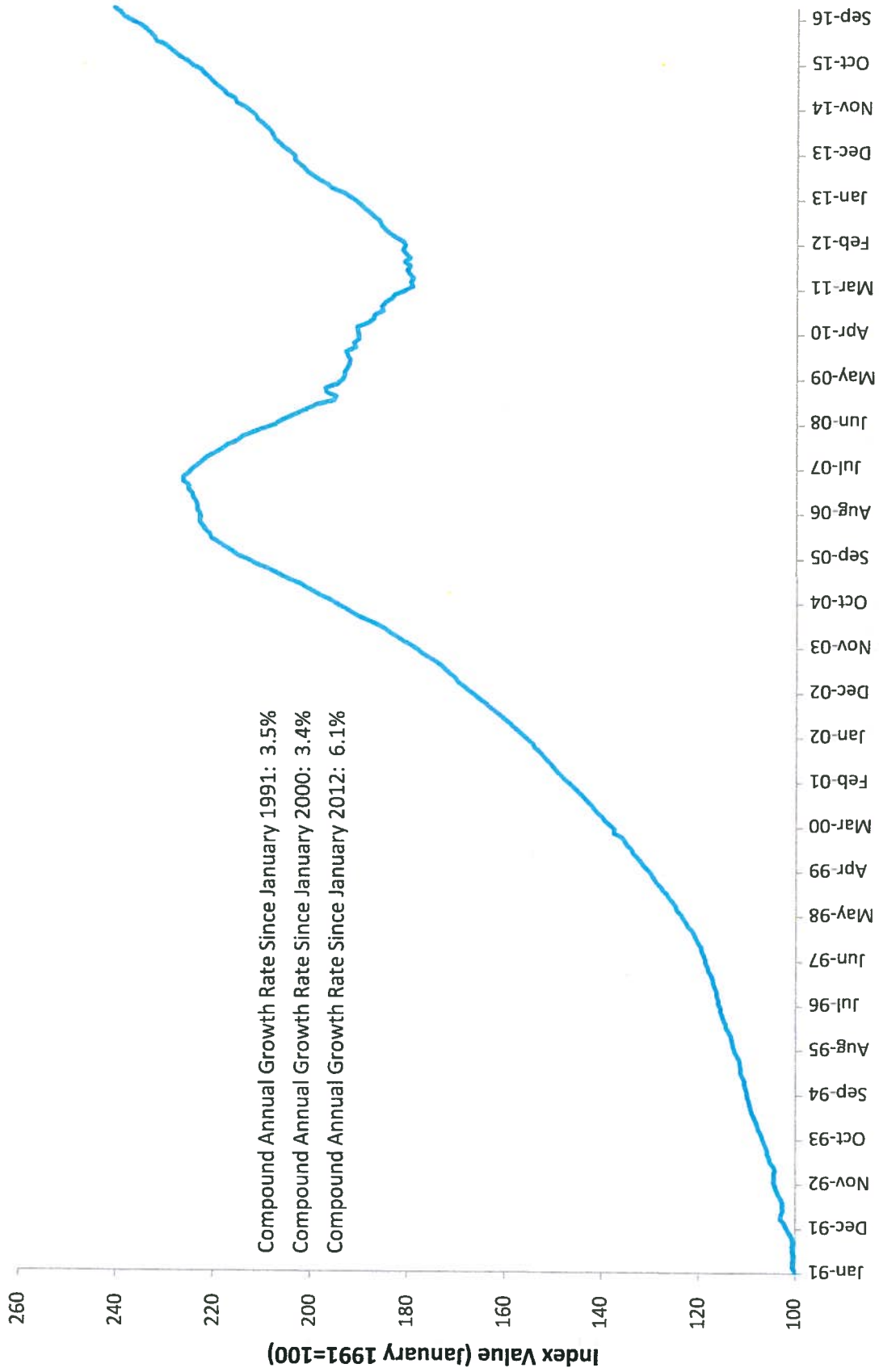
Source: FHFA

**Seasonally Adjusted and Unadjusted Monthly Appreciation Rates**  
Purchase-Only Index for U.S.



Source: FHFA

# **Monthly House Price Index for U.S.** Purchase-Only, Seasonally Adjusted Index, January 1991 - Present

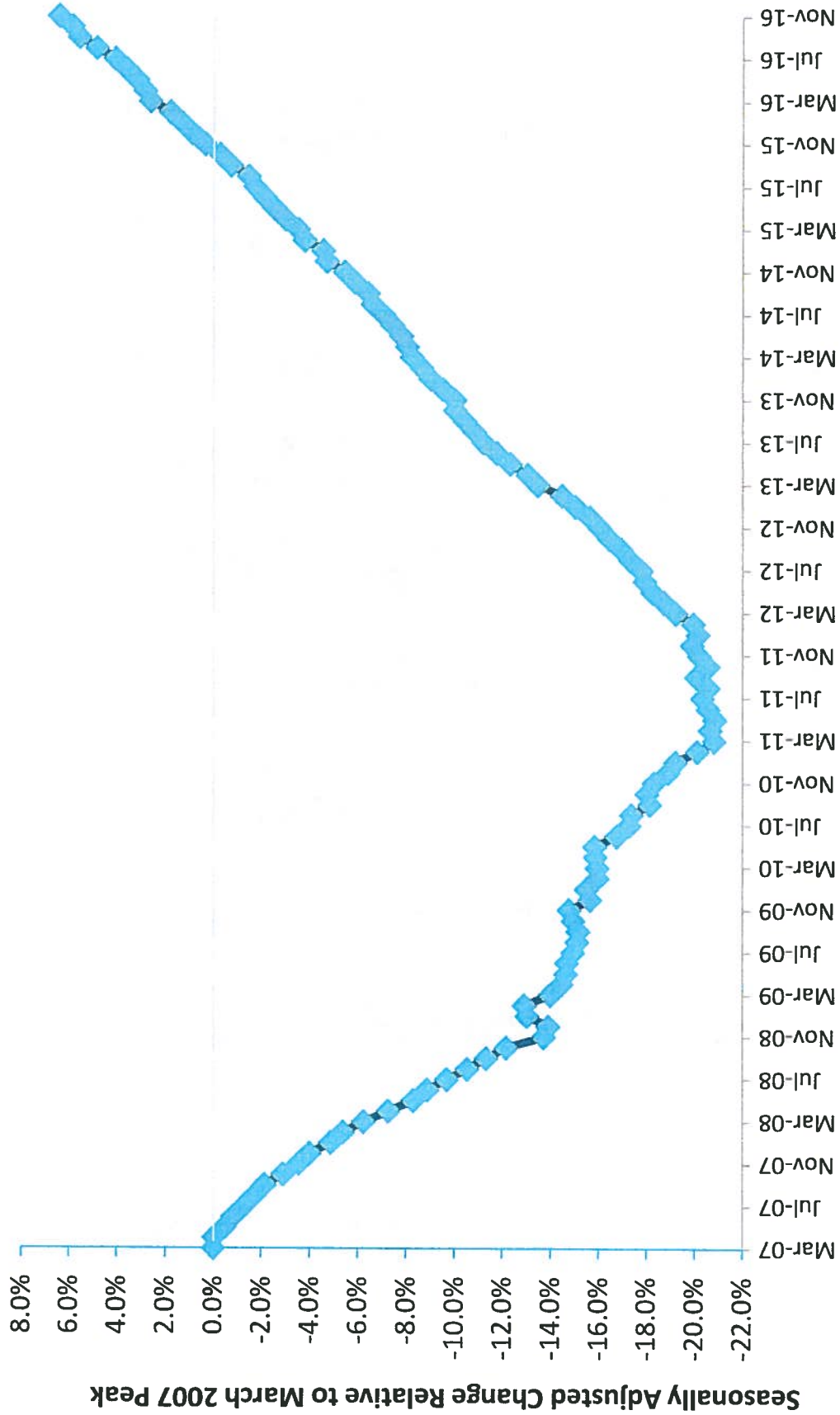


Compound Annual Growth Rate Since January 1991: 3.5%  
Compound Annual Growth Rate Since January 2000: 3.4%  
Compound Annual Growth Rate Since January 2012: 6.1%

Source: FHFA

# Cumulative Seasonally Adjusted Price Change Relative to the March 2007 Peak for the U.S.

Purchase-Only, Seasonally Adjusted Index

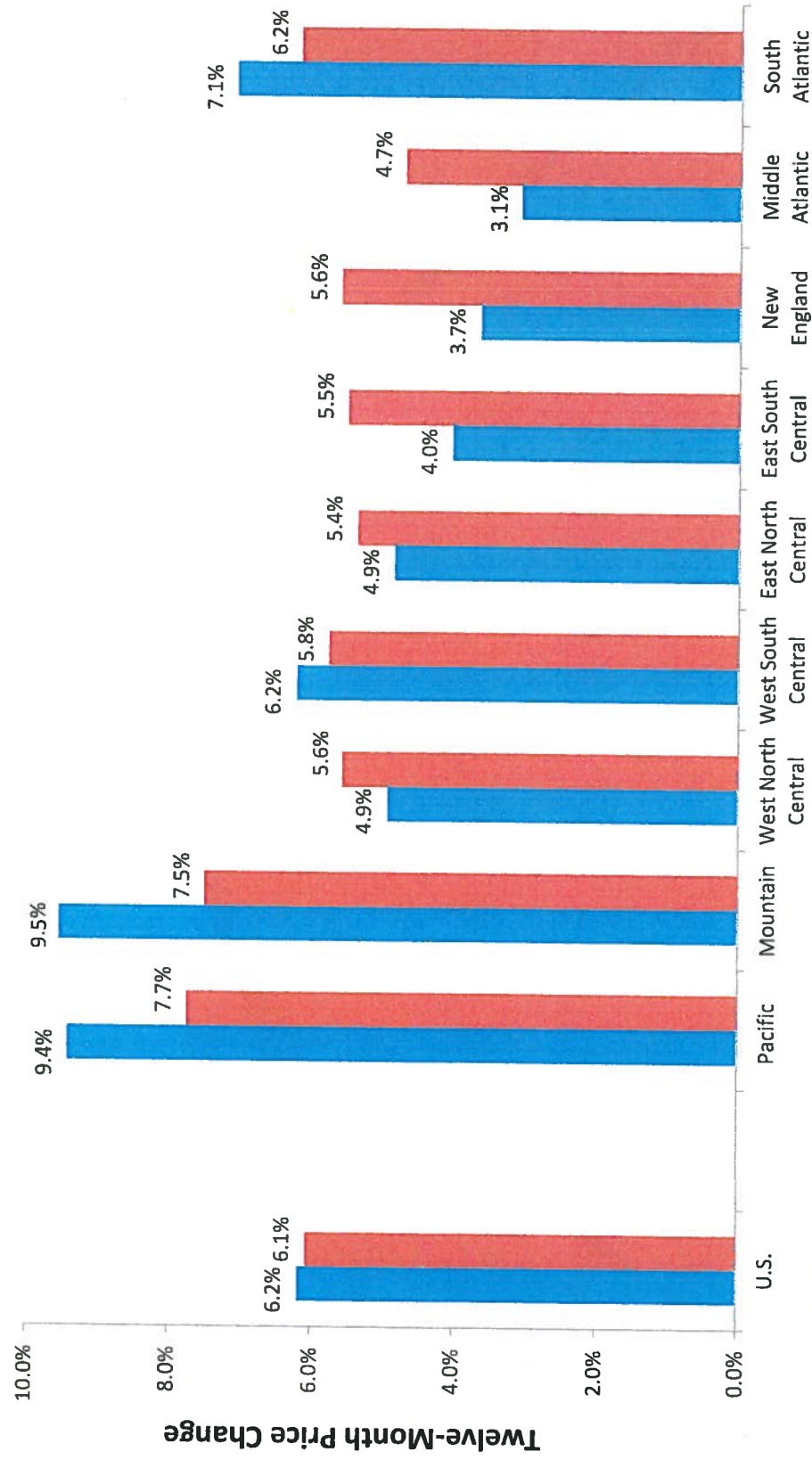


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# Twelve-Month Price Changes – Prior Year vs. Most Recent Year

Purchase-Only Index

■ Price Change: 11/2014 - 11/2015   ■ Price Change: 11/2015 - 11/2016



Source: FHFA