



**Veazie Town Council**

**Regular Meeting**

**January 22nd, 2018  
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 December 11th, 2017 Regular Council Meeting Minutes
- ITEM 6:** Comments from the Public

**New Business:**

- ITEM 7:** Citizen Concern Discussion
- ITEM 8:** Public Hearing on Proposed Land Use Ordinance Change
- ITEM 9:** Land Use Ordinance Approval
- ITEM 10:** Animal Control Officer Agreement
- ITEM 11:** Financials Review

**Old Business:**

- ITEM 12:** Manager's Report
- ITEM 13:** Comments from the Public
- ITEM 14:** Requests for information and Town Council Comments
- ITEM 15:** Review & Sign of AP Town Warrant #12 & #13 and Town Payroll #13, #14 & #15, School Payroll Warrant #12, #13 & #14, AP School Warrant #12, #13 & #14 .
- ITEM 16:** Adjournment

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Michael Reid  
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Jeff Manter  
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# **Agenda Items For January 22, 2018 Council Meeting**

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

**ITEM 5:** Minutes from the previous meeting will be reviewed.

**Suggested Motion-** I motion we approve the minutes as presented.

**ITEM 7:** A letter from Citizen Brian Lunt to Chairman Chris Bagley will be reviewed and discussed.

**ITEM 8:** A public hearing will be held to discuss suggested changes to the land use ordinance as prepared by the Veazie Planning Board

**Suggested Motion: (to go in)** I motion we go into public hearing to discuss proposed changes to the land use ordinance

**Suggested Motion: (to come out)** I motion we come out of public hearing

**ITEM 9:** Council will take comments received during the public hearing and consider the suggested changes to the land use ordinance.

**Suggested Motion:** I motion we approved the land use ordinance as presented by the Veazie Planning Board.

**ITEM 10:** Council will review the Animal Control Agreement as presented between the Town of Veazie and Penobscot County.

**Suggested Motion:** I motion we approved the Animal Control Agreement between the Town of Veazie and Penobscot County as presented.

**ITEM 11:** Manager Leonard will review with Council the information he had provided to the Budget Committee during the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter review meeting held on January 11, 2018



Veazie Town Council Meeting  
December 11th, 2017

**Members Present:** Chairman Chris Bagley, Councilor Paul Messer, Councilor Michael Reid, Town Manager Mark Leonard, Council Secretary Julie Strout, William Hogan, Jonathan Plummer, Kenneth Borneman, Ravi Chilumula, Warren Black and various members of the public.

**ITEM 1: Call to order**

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

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

Councilor Aaron Turcotte and Councilor Jeff Manter were absent and excused.

**ITEM 3: Pledge of Allegiance**

**ITEM 4: Consideration of the Agenda**

Chairman Bagley stated that we would table Item#7 Water District Update until further notice.

**ITEM 5: Approval of the November 27th, 2017 Regular Council Meeting Minutes.**

Councilor Paul Messer made a motion, seconded by Councilor Michael Reid to approve the November 27th, 2017 Regular Council Meeting Minutes as written. Voted 3-0-0. Motion carried.

**ITEM 6: Comments from the public**

None

**New Business:**

**ITEM 7: Water District Update**

This item will be tabled until further notice.

**ITEM 8: Water District Appointment**

Councilor Michael Reid made a motion, seconded by Councilor Paul Messer to appoint Kenneth Borneman to the Orono/Veazie Water District to represent the Town of Veazie for a 5 year term starting January 1, 2017. Voted 3-0-0. Motion carried.

**ITEM 9: Forester Retainer**

Councilor Michael Reid made a motion, seconded by Councilor Paul Messer to only use Golden Forestry Service on an as needed basis at a rate of \$50.00 per hour as presented by Golden Forestry Services. Voted 3-0-0. Motion carried.

**ITEM 10: Citizen Involvement Appointments**

Councilor Paul Messer made a motion, seconded by Councilor Michael Reid to reappoint William Masters to the Budget Committee for a 1 year term starting January 1, 2017. Voted 3-0-0. Motion carried.



Councilor Michael Reid made a motion, seconded by Councilor Paul Messer to appoint Jonathan Plummer to the Budget Committee for a 3 year term starting January 1, 2017. Voted 3-0-0. Motion carried.

Councilor Michael Reid made a motion, seconded by Councilor Paul Messer to appoint William Hogan to the Budget Committee for a 2 year term starting January 1, 2017. Voted 3-0-0. Motion carried.

Councilor Paul Messer made a motion, seconded by Councilor Michael Reid to appoint Ravi Chilumula to the Planning Board Committee for a 3 year term starting January 1, 2017. Voted 3-0-0. Motion carried.

Councilor Paul Messer made a motion, seconded by Councilor Michael Reid to appoint Warren Black to the Conservation Commission Committee for a 3 year term starting January 1, 2017. Voted 3-0-0. Motion carried.

**ITEM 11: Executive Session 1 M.R.S.A. Section 405 (6) (A) – Personnel Matter**  
Councilor Paul Messer made a motion, seconded by Councilor Michael Reid to enter into Executive Session at 6:58pm. Voted 3-0-0. Motion carried.

Councilor Michael Reid made a motion, seconded by Councilor Paul Messer to exit Executive Session at 7:18pm. Voted 3-0-0. Motion carried.

**Old Business:**

**ITEM 12: Manager's Report**  
Manager Leonard reviewed his report with the Councilor's.

**ITEM 13: Comments from the Public**  
None

**ITEM 14: Requests for information and Town Council Comments**  
None

**ITEM 15: Review & sign of AP Town Warrant #11, Town Payroll #12, School Payroll Warrant #11 and AP School Warrant #11.**  
The warrants were circulated and signed.

**ITEM 16: Adjournment**  
Councilor Paul Messer motioned to adjourn.

Councilor Michael Reid seconded. No discussion. Voted 3-0-0. Motion carried.  
Adjourned at 7:19pm  
True Copy Attest

Julie Strout  
Deputy Clerk





Chris Bagley, Chairman

ITEM # 7

Veazie Town Council

1-15-2018

Dear Mr. Bagley:

I have been having difficulty with Chief Leonard since about August 22, 2017. Until that time all of my interactions with him had been, what I thought were very positive. On the date 8/22/17, I spoke to Chief Leonard about getting ID indicating I was a retired police officer for the town of Veazie with 10+ years of experience. This is a simple statement of fact that I worked for the town, and does not involve any liability to the town. This was needed to apply for a nationwide CCW under the Retired Police Officer's Safety Improvement Act. From then on, there has been one excuse after another as to why he can't issue this ID. For about 3.5 months, the copier was broken and then about 3 weeks ago, he said that I was not in good standing when I resigned as Chief. Until I speak with and get advice from my lawyer, I will not expand on the reason the old town manager may have written the letter the chief is using to hold up this process for over 4 months so far.

In the spring of 1990, Officer Rick Johnston, Kathy Allen and I had decided to start a security company and PI business. For 6 to 8 months prior to my resignation, I had been working with the Town of Veazie to complete a job description for a full time chief of police. I started this process due to the many extra hours I was putting in to do the required work. The town manager knew I was retiring from the time we started working towards a full time chief.

Normally I would go to the town manager, but Chief Leonard also fills that position. To resolve this travesty, I am asking the Town Council to intercede in this matter. Below is a description of an incident I feel proved Mr. Leonard's lack of professionalism and, I feel his honesty, in this situation.

Dec 29, 2017

About 1410 hrs.

I just returned from the town office where I meet briefly with Chief Leonard. I was asked to go into his town manager's office where he was seated at his desk and the following occurred.

I asked him if he had made any progress on issuing my retired officers identification certificate. He said that he had not. I then told him it had been over 17 weeks since I qualified on the range, and over 16 weeks since I spoke to him about being issued an ID. For about the first 3.5 months he would tell me that he couldn't issue it due to the copier not working. About 2 weeks ago I meet with him and he had found one paper that the old town manager had written to me accusing me of lying to him. No mention of disciplinary action was mentioned. He also said that he had a

note I had written indicating I was ready to resume my position as Chief. He stated this indicated I was not in good standing and was possibly being fired.

At this time, I told him that I need to take the next step as he doesn't seem to be making progress. Normally I would go to the town manager, but since he is **also** the town manager I felt that was useless. I said I would attend the next council meeting.

At that point he raised his voice and said all right, I will get a denial letter out to you today. This seems to be in violation of the federal law as no clear evidence that I was in bad standing and he seemed very angry at me for following the next step in what I remember as the personnel dispute resolution protocol.

As I left his office I asked the 2 staff present, along with one person being served at the counter, if they had heard what Chief Leonard just said to me. I looked back into his office and stated I was just asking the staff if they heard his comments to me. He got up from his chair, told me, in a more raised voice and reddening face that **I would not be allowed to cause a disturbance in the office and I should leave the building**. I asked him, in a normal voice, that I just wanted to be sure they heard his comment. He then repeated this a couple more times, in a more raised voice that. Each time he said this he took a threatening step towards me and repeated that **I would not be allowed to cause a disturbance in the office and I should leave the building**. At that point I told him I was leaving and would try to see my lawyer that afternoon and left the town office.

I went to Orono to see my lawyer, but he was busy. I then called the NRA-ILA for a referral within their network for an attorney knowledgeable in this area.

I joined the VZPD in 1981. At that time there were several very good officers, but the department was lacking in some procedural areas. Within the first year the chief made me the range officer and training officer. Wayne Heath, Joe Friedman and I went to the Bangor PD to be certified by their range officer to use the range for training. The department was viewed as a joke by many other departments in the area when I joined. By the time I retired to start a contract security company and private eye business, we were considered a very good department.

By the end of my first year I had all officers qualified at the range and most other required certifications renewed. There was no money for practice ammo, so Wayne and I started reloading to meet our practice needs. Every year several of the officers, including myself, volunteered 100's of hours without expecting to be compensated. I responded to most calls, when available, as we were a small department and we wanted what was best for the town and to support each other.

At one point I paid for repairing the radar gun and another time the portable radio as the officers needed these to perform their duties. We put on 2 or 3 Reserve Officer Schools for the Academy too. At the time Steve Georgette said they were the best he had seen for a long time. We hired

many officers who went on the bigger departments. As an example there was Mark Hathaway, Steve Hunt and Chris Greely.

I would ask the Town Council to look into this injustice Chief Leonard has maliciously perpetrated against a caring, honest retired VZPD employee.

Thank you

Brian

PS

The following is a copy of the FOIA request I have presented to Chief Leonard. As soon as I have all the information requested, I would like to be placed on the agenda to discuss a solution to this situation

January 15, 2018

Mr. Leonard

Town Manager

1084 Main Street

Veazie, ME 04401

Dear Mr. Leonard:

Under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C., §552 and the Maine Freedom of Access Act 13 M.R.S. §400, et seq., I am requesting a copy of the following:

1. Any information from my personnel file indicating my longevity with the department.
2. Any information indicating that I was not in good standing when I left the department.
3. A list of any other VZPD ID's that you have issued.
4. The date the broken copier repair order was issued, its location and date it was fixed.
5. The name of the company fixing the broken copier.

This request includes, but is not limited to, reports generated as a result of your investigation into my good standing with the department, any documents generated as a result of conversations with any other person concerning that investigation, any and all documents associated with any internal investigation of my conduct while I worked for the Town of Veazie, and any documents having to do with disciplinary or remedial actions taken against me, whether formal or informal. These specific requests are simply meant to highlight the breadth of this

request and if there are further documents that have anything to do with your investigation into my good standing with the department, then please consider those to also be included in this request.

I agree to pay reasonable duplication fees for the processing of this request. Please notify me prior to incurring any expenses in excess of \$50.00.

If you deny any or all of this request, then please state each specific exemption that you feel justifies a refusal to release the information and notify me of appeal procedures available to me under law.

I look forward to your reply within twenty (20) business days, as the statutes require.

I would also like you to add me to the next Council meeting schedule for 1/22/2018 to discuss this personnel issue.

Thank you for your assistance and timely attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Brian L. Lunt



Sgt. Eugene Fizell

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



A/C Pete Metcalf

January 19, 2018

Chris Bagley; Veazie Council Chair  
1084 Main Street  
Veazie, Maine 04401  
Ref: Response to letter dated 01-15-2018 from Brian Lunt

Chairman Bagley,

I am writing this in response to a letter you received from Brian Lunt dated 01-15-2018 which you provided me with on January 19, 2018 and will be discussed at the January 22, 2018 Council meeting. In reading Mr. Lunt's letter, it appears he is accusing me of a lack of professionalism, untimeliness in responding to a request he made and being dishonest to him which I dispute unequivocally to all of these accusations and wanted to provide you with my perspective of the events. All of these accusations only occurred after Mr. Lunt requested I provide him with a retired law enforcement identification as outlined in The Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act.

In response to Mr. Lunt's accusation, I did not respond in a timely fashion, I feel the time line presented by Mr. Lunt is not complete and doesn't represent an accurate depiction of all of the events, time and consideration which went into Mr. Lunt's request. I feel it's important to capture all of the interactions so I provide you with the following time line of events as I recorded them. Although, I will admit I did not note the exact date of my first interaction as it relates to Mr. Lunt's request. Before I could fulfill Mr. Lunt's request it was necessary for him to qualify with a handgun, which is a requirement of the law. I saw no reason to move forward with his request until he was able to qualify. Following this interaction I noted the following dates:

September 17, 2017- Mr. Lunt qualified with Sgt. Eugene Fizell of the Veazie Police Department

September 20, 2017- I spoke with Chief Mark Hathaway of the Bangor Police Department about issuing retired law enforcement IDs. I have never received a request so I also asked if he had a template for the ID which I could use to recreate one for the Veazie Police Department.

September 21, 2017- I received a copy of the identification which Bangor Police Department issues to retired law enforcement officers. On or around this date I requested staff to work on converting Bangor PD's identification into something that we could use. During this process it was determined that the ID machine was not working correctly and would need to be sent out for service.

On October 6, 2017- I learned the ID machine had been diagnosed and I authorized the required repair.

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October 10, 2017- I reviewed The Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act and the version I first read said the person needed to have 15 years of law enforcement service. Upon further research I then learned the law had been amended and the current law was the person needed to have 10 years of law enforcement service.

On October 16, 2017- The invoice for service was received and payment was authorized but the machine was not put back on line because we began experiencing network/computer issues throughout the building.

On October 25, 2017- The Police Department's server hard drive failed completely and needed to be rebuilt which impacted the ability to use the computers for the Police Department.

On November 2, 2017- Parts for the server were received and the process of rebuilding the server was started.

November 8, 2017- Mr. Lunt came to the Town Office asking for an update and I relayed I had no update and I had still not produced an identification for him. Mr. Lunt left the office and relayed he would return later for an update

November 14, 2017- I located Mr. Lunt's personnel file from when he worked for the Veazie Police Department. In reviewing the file, I began having concerns that Mr. Lunt did not meet the criteria of the law. I needed to verify that he left in good standing and had 10 years of law enforcement service. Which were both brought into question during inspection of his personnel file. I have attempted to contact former Town Manager Kempen to see if he can expand on the information I discovered while reviewing Mr. Lunt's personnel file but as of this writing he has not returned my request.

December 4, 2017- Mr. Lunt came to the office and was looking for an update on his request. I had him come into my office and closed the door for privacy reasons and spoke with him about what I had found in his personnel file. Mr. Lunt disagreed with my findings which I presented him with. Ultimately, Mr. Lunt became upset with this line of conversation and he left the my office telling me he would check his files at his home and see what he had for records. I asked he bring anything which contradicted what I was currently looking at in his personnel file and then I would use it in determining if he qualified for the permit he was requesting. Prior to leaving I did show Mr. Lunt I had been able to have an identification made for him but I was not going to issue it until I was able to confirm he met the standards of the law. I also relayed that I was trying to make contact with Kempen to see what he could provide for information. Mr. Lunt told me he thought Kempen was residing in Rhode Island, which was what I had discovered as well.

December 5, 2017- Mr. Lunt came to the office and dropped off a letter of resignation from the planning board because he felt he was treated inappropriately the previous day while I was speaking to him, which I do not feel is an accurate statement. I was simply trying to gather information from him to help make my decision but at no time I was disrespectful to him. I was not present to accept the resignation but was provided it by office staff when I returned later in the day..

December 14, 2017- Mr. Lunt returned to my office asking for an update. I told him I was waiting for documentation from him to contradict what we had previously spoke about. Mr. Lunt told me he had thrown a lot of items away when he retired and all he had now was items on large floppy disk and he was having a hard time finding someone with a computer that still reads floppy disk. I told him I needed what he had so I could determine if he qualified for the permit he was requesting. Mr. Lunt said he would check with his son because he thought he may have a computer that would read the floppy disk.

December 29, 2017- Mr. Lunt returned to my office asking if I had any update and when I told him I did not he said, he was going to have to take this to the next level and requested to be on the next Council agenda. Before I was able to ask him for his documents, which I had previously asked for, he began giving time lines on how long this process had taken, which I did not believe to be accurate.





Seeing no paperwork in his hands I was led to believe he had not brought any paperwork with him, so I asked if he was forcing me to make a decision and if so then my decision was to deny his request. I finished by saying I would provide my decision to him in writing and it would be in the mail the following day. After hearing this Mr. Lunt stepped from my office into the office area of the Town Office and asked Staff if they had heard what I had just said? Deputy Treasurer Reed was at her desk and Assistant Clerk Millett was at the counter with a customer. Deputy Treasurer Reed appeared to be the person Mr. Lunt was directing his question too. Deputy Treasurer Reed made a statement that I was not able to hear but I viewed Mr. Lunt begin to step back toward my office and said in part and substance, that, I am going to have you repeat what you just said so everyone can hear what you said. Still seated at my desk I told Mr. Lunt in part and substance, that, he was not going to cause a scene in the Town Office and he needed to leave the building. When Mr. Lunt appeared he wasn't going to leave the building I got up from my desk and repeated myself several more times that he needed to leave the building. I did raise my voice so that Mr. Lunt would understand the seriousness of my request for him to leave the building but at no time did I take any threatening steps toward him as he outlines in his letter to you. Mr. Lunt ultimately left telling me he was headed to his Attorney's office.

On January 16, 2018- Mr. Lunt left a written freedom of information request with staff in the office which you have also received and I am currently working to fulfill.

I think most will agree the above timeline shows in detail I did work on Mr. Lunt's request, although not in the timely fashion he desired. Some of my delay was as result of office equipment malfunctions which I have outlined in the timeline, so I was not dishonest when I told him this. Additionally, Mr. Lunt to date has not provided me with documentation disputing what I had located in his personnel file.

I believe it is important to note that as Mr. Lunt states in his letter, all previous interactions between him and I have been positive, which I agree with. It wasn't until I denied his request for a retired law enforcement identification that he started making false statements or untruths about my interactions with him. With the information provided to me I was not able to honor his request because I was unable to confirm he left the Veazie Police Department in good standings and that he worked for 10 years for the Town of Veazie as a Police Officer, which are both requirements of the law. I stand by my decision to deny his request and will continue to deny the request until I'm provided with new information for consideration.

In closing, I have spoken to the Attorney General's Office to get guidance on what Mr. Lunt has for appeal rights and it was relayed by them, and confirmed by Town Legal Staff, the law does not afford an appeals process and Mr. Lunt should seek his own legal advice on how to proceed. According to the Town's Attorney the Town Council does not have the authority or the ability to override my decision. I look forward to meeting with you and discussing this further if you desire. I have attached a copy of The Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act, which I have reference throughout this for your viewing.

Respectfully submitted,



Mark E Leonard

CC: Veazie Town Council





Sgt. Eugene Fizell

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



A/C Pete Metcalf

December 29, 2017

Brian Lunt  
1110 Chase Road  
Veazie, Maine 04401

Ref: Retired Law Enforcement Status Request

Dear Mr. Lunt,

I am writing this as a follow up to our conversation on December 29, 2017 concerning your request for retired law enforcement status. I am denying your request based on my inability to confirm that you left the Veazie Police Department in good standing and/or you had 10 years of service.

Sincerely,

*Mark E. Leonard*

Mark E. Leonard  
Chief of Police

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AMENDMENTS

2010—Subsec. (c)(3). Pub. L. 111-272, §2(a)(1), inserted “which could result in suspension or loss of police powers” after “agency”.

Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 111-272, §2(b), added subsec. (e) and struck out former subsec. (e) which read as follows: “As used in this section, the term ‘firearm’ does not include—

“(1) any machinegun (as defined in section 5845 of the National Firearms Act);

“(2) any firearm silencer (as defined in section 921 of this title); and

“(3) any destructive device (as defined in section 921 of this title).”

Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 111-272, §2(a)(2), added subsec. (f).

**§ 926C. Carrying of concealed firearms by qualified retired law enforcement officers**

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of the law of any State or any political subdivision thereof, an individual who is a qualified retired law enforcement officer and who is carrying the identification required by subsection (d) may carry a concealed firearm that has been shipped or transported in interstate or foreign commerce, subject to subsection (b).

(b) This section shall not be construed to supersede or limit the laws of any State that—

(1) permit private persons or entities to prohibit or restrict the possession of concealed firearms on their property; or

(2) prohibit or restrict the possession of firearms on any State or local government property, installation, building, base, or park.

(c) As used in this section, the term “qualified retired law enforcement officer” means an individual who—

(1) separated from service in good standing from service with a public agency as a law enforcement officer;

(2) before such separation, was authorized by law to engage in or supervise the prevention, detection, investigation, or prosecution of, or the incarceration of any person for, any violation of law, and had statutory powers of arrest;

(3)(A) before such separation, served as a law enforcement officer for an aggregate of 10 years or more; or

(B) separated from service with such agency, after completing any applicable probationary period of such service, due to a service-connected disability, as determined by such agency;

(4) during the most recent 12-month period, has met, at the expense of the individual, the standards for qualification in firearms training for active law enforcement officers, as determined by the former agency of the individual, the State in which the individual resides or, if the State has not established such standards, either a law enforcement agency within the State in which the individual resides or the standards used by a certified firearms instructor that is qualified to conduct a firearms qualification test for active duty officers within that State;

(5)(A) has not been officially found by a qualified medical professional employed by the agency to be unqualified for reasons relating to mental health and as a result of this

finding will not be issued the photographic identification as described in subsection (d)(1); or

(B) has not entered into an agreement with the agency from which the individual is separating from service in which that individual acknowledges he or she is not qualified under this section for reasons relating to mental health and for those reasons will not receive or accept the photographic identification as described in subsection (d)(1);

(6) is not under the influence of alcohol or another intoxicating or hallucinatory drug or substance; and

(7) is not prohibited by Federal law from receiving a firearm.

(d) The identification required by this subsection is—

(1) a photographic identification issued by the agency from which the individual separated from service as a law enforcement officer that indicates that the individual has, not less recently than one year before the date the individual is carrying the concealed firearm, been tested or otherwise found by the agency to meet the active duty standards for qualification in firearms training as established by the agency to carry a firearm of the same type as the concealed firearm; or

(2)(A) a photographic identification issued by the agency from which the individual separated from service as a law enforcement officer; and

(B) a certification issued by the State in which the individual resides or by a certified firearms instructor that is qualified to conduct a firearms qualification test for active duty officers within that State that indicates that the individual has, not less than 1 year before the date the individual is carrying the concealed firearm, been tested or otherwise found by the State or a certified firearms instructor that is qualified to conduct a firearms qualification test for active duty officers within that State to have met—

(I) the active duty standards for qualification in firearms training, as established by the State, to carry a firearm of the same type as the concealed firearm; or

(II) if the State has not established such standards, standards set by any law enforcement agency within that State to carry a firearm of the same type as the concealed firearm.

(e) As used in this section—

(1) the term “firearm”—

(A) except as provided in this paragraph, has the same meaning as in section 921 of this title;

(B) includes ammunition not expressly prohibited by Federal law or subject to the provisions of the National Firearms Act; and

(C) does not include—

(i) any machinegun (as defined in section 5845 of the National Firearms Act);

(ii) any firearm silencer (as defined in section 921 of this title); and

(iii) any destructive device (as defined in section 921 of this title); and

(2) the term “service with a public agency as a law enforcement officer” includes service as



a law enforcement officer of the Amtrak Police Department, service as a law enforcement officer of the Federal Reserve, or service as a law enforcement or police officer of the executive branch of the Federal Government.

(Added Pub. L. 108-277, §3(a), July 22, 2004, 118 Stat. 866; amended Pub. L. 111-272, §2(c), Oct. 12, 2010, 124 Stat. 2855.)

#### REFERENCES IN TEXT

The National Firearms Act, referred to in subsec. (e)(1)(B), (C)(i), is classified generally to chapter 53 (§5801 et seq.) of Title 26, Internal Revenue Code. See section 5849 of Title 26. Section 5845 of such Act is classified to section 5845 of Title 26.

#### AMENDMENTS

2010—Subsec. (c)(1). Pub. L. 111-272, §2(c)(1)(A), substituted “separated from service” for “retired” and struck out “, other than for reasons of mental instability” after “officer”.

Subsec. (c)(2). Pub. L. 111-272, §2(c)(1)(B), substituted “separation” for “retirement”.

Subsec. (c)(3)(A). Pub. L. 111-272, §2(c)(1)(C)(i), substituted “separation, served as a law enforcement officer for an aggregate of 10 years or more” for “retirement, was regularly employed as a law enforcement officer for an aggregate of 15 years or more”.

Subsec. (c)(3)(B). Pub. L. 111-272, §2(c)(1)(C)(ii), substituted “separated” for “retired”.

Subsec. (c)(4). Pub. L. 111-272, §2(c)(1)(D), added par. (4) and struck out former par. (4) which read as follows: “has a nonforfeitable right to benefits under the retirement plan of the agency.”

Subsec. (c)(5). Pub. L. 111-272, §2(c)(1)(E), added par. (5) and struck out former par. (5) which read as follows: “during the most recent 12-month period, has met, at the expense of the individual, the State’s standards for training and qualification for active law enforcement officers to carry firearms.”

Subsec. (d)(1). Pub. L. 111-272, §2(c)(2)(A), substituted “separated” for “retired” and “to meet the active duty standards for qualification in firearms training as established by the agency to carry a firearm of the same type as the concealed firearm” for “to meet the standards established by the agency for training and qualification for active law enforcement officers to carry a firearm of the same type as the concealed firearm”.

Subsec. (d)(2)(A). Pub. L. 111-272, §2(c)(2)(B)(i), substituted “separated” for “retired”.

Subsec. (d)(2)(B). Pub. L. 111-272, §2(c)(2)(B)(ii), substituted “or by a certified firearms instructor that is qualified to conduct a firearms qualification test for active duty officers within that State that indicates that the individual has, not less than 1 year before the date the individual is carrying the concealed firearm, been tested or otherwise found by the State or a certified firearms instructor that is qualified to conduct a firearms qualification test for active duty officers within that State to have met—” for “that indicates that the individual has, not less recently than one year before the date the individual is carrying the concealed firearm, been tested or otherwise found by the State to meet the standards established by the State for training and qualification for active law enforcement officers to carry a firearm of the same type as the concealed firearm.” and added cls. (I) and (II).

Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 111-272, §2(c)(3), added subsec. (e) and struck out former subsec. (e) which read as follows: “As used in this section, the term ‘firearm’ does not include—

“(1) any machinegun (as defined in section 5845 of the National Firearms Act);

“(2) any firearm silencer (as defined in section 921 of this title); and

“(3) a destructive device (as defined in section 921 of this title).”

#### § 927. Effect on State law

No provision of this chapter shall be construed as indicating an intent on the part of the Congress to occupy the field in which such provision operates to the exclusion of the law of any State on the same subject matter, unless there is a direct and positive conflict between such provision and the law of the State so that the two cannot be reconciled or consistently stand together.

(Added Pub. L. 90-351, title IV, §902, June 19, 1968, 82 Stat. 234; amended Pub. L. 90-618, title I, §102, Oct. 22, 1968, 82 Stat. 1226.)

#### AMENDMENTS

1968—Pub. L. 90-618 struck out “or possession” after “State” wherever appearing.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1968 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 90-618 effective Dec. 16, 1968, see section 105 of Pub. L. 90-618, set out as a note under section 921 of this title.

#### § 928. Separability

If any provision of this chapter or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the chapter and the application of such provision to other persons not similarly situated or to other circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

(Added Pub. L. 90-351, title IV, §902, June 19, 1968, 82 Stat. 234; amended Pub. L. 90-618, title I, §102, Oct. 22, 1968, 82 Stat. 1226.)

#### AMENDMENTS

1968—Pub. L. 90-618 reenacted section without change.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1968 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 90-618 effective Dec. 16, 1968, see section 105 of Pub. L. 90-618, set out as a note under section 921 of this title.

#### § 929. Use of restricted ammunition

(a)(1) Whoever, during and in relation to the commission of a crime of violence or drug trafficking crime (including a crime of violence or drug trafficking crime which provides for an enhanced punishment if committed by the use of a deadly or dangerous weapon or device) for which he may be prosecuted in a court of the United States, uses or carries a firearm and is in possession of armor piercing ammunition capable of being fired in that firearm, shall, in addition to the punishment provided for the commission of such crime of violence or drug trafficking crime be sentenced to a term of imprisonment for not less than five years.

(2) For purposes of this subsection, the term “drug trafficking crime” means any felony punishable under the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 801 et seq.), the Controlled Substances Import and Export Act (21 U.S.C. 951 et seq.), or chapter 705 of title 46.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the court shall not suspend the sentence of any person convicted of a violation of this section, nor place the person on probation, nor shall the terms of imprisonment run concurrently with any other terms of imprisonment,





USES		R1	R2	R3	R4	C1	I1	OCO
1.	Agriculture I	CEO	CEO	CEO	CEO	No	Yes	PB
2.	Agriculture II	No	No	No	CEO	No	Yes	PB
3.	Aquaculture	No	No	No	No	No	PB	No
4.	Automobile Repair Garage	No	No	No	No	PB	PB	No
5.	Automobile Service Station	No	No	No	No	PB	PB	No
6.	Boarding, Lodging or Rooming	No	PB	No	PB	No	No	No
7.	Campground	No	No	No	PB	No	No	No
8.	Cemetery	No	No	No	PB	No	No	No
9.	Child Care I	CEO	CEO	CEO	CEO	No	No	CEO
10.	Child Care II	PB	PB	PB	PB	No	No	PB
11.	Child Care III	No	No	No	No	PB	No	No
12.	Church	No	PB	PB	No	No	No	No
13.	Clearing vegetation for approved construction and uses	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
14.	Cluster subdivision	PB	PB	PB	PB	No	PB	PB
15.	Commercial Establishment	No	No	No	No	PB	No	No
16.	Communications Facility	PB	PB	PB	PB	PB	PB	PB
17.	Condominiums	No	No	PB	No	No	No	No
	Conversions of seasonal residence to year round use	LPI	LPI	LPI	LPI	LPI	No	LPI
18.	Dwelling, Multifamily I	No	PB	PB	PB	<del>NoPB</del>	<del>NoPB</del>	<del>NoPB</del>
19.	Dwelling, Multifamily II	No	PB	No	<del>NoPB</del>	<del>NoPB</del>	<del>NoPB</del>	<del>NoPB</del>
20.	Dwelling, Single Family	CEO	CEO	CEO	CEO	<del>NoCEO</del>	<del>NoCEO</del>	CEO
21.	Dwelling, Two Family	No	CEO	CEO	CEO	<del>NoCEO</del>	<del>NoCEO</del>	CEO
22.	Emergency Operations	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	YES
23.	Essential Services, Construction of	PB	PB	PB	PB	PB	PB	PB
	Uses	R1	R2	R3	R4	C1	I1	OCO
24.	Expansion of Conforming Use or S the Lesser of 20% area or 1000 sq. ft./ 5 yrs	CEO	CEO	CEO	CEO	CEO	CEO	CEO
25.	Filling and earthmoving > 10 cubic yards	CEO	CEO	CEO	CEO	CEO	CEO	CEO
26.	Filling and earthmoving < 10 cubic yards	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
27.	Fire Prevention Activities	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
28.	Food Processing Facility	No	No	No	No	No	PB	No
29.	Forest Management Activities	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
30.	Government Facilities	No	PB	PB	No	PB	PB	No
31.	Greenhouse, Noncommercial	CEO	CEO	CEO	CEO	No	No	CEO



**Legal Notices**

**TOWN OF VEAZIE NOTICE OF  
PUBLIC HEARING**

The Veazie Town Council will hold a Public Hearing January 22, 2018 at 6:30pm in the Council Chambers in order to take comments on proposed amendments to Land Use Ordinance. A copy of the proposed changes is available from the Town Clerk.

Published on: January 10, 2018.



## ANIMAL CONTROL AGREEMENT



This Agreement is made this \_\_\_\_\_ day of January, 2018 by and between the **TOWN OF VEAZIE**, a political subdivision of the state of Maine located in Penobscot County (hereinafter referred to as the "Town") and **PENOBSCOT COUNTY**, a body politic within the State of Maine, having its principal office located in Bangor (hereinafter referred to as the "County").

1. **Term:** The term of this contract shall commence on January 16, 2018, and end on December 31, 2018.
2. **Scope of Services:** The County agrees to provide animal control services for purposes of MRSA Title 7, Chapter 725 to the Town through a Regional Animal Control Officer ("ACO") employed by the County. Such services include, but are not necessarily limited to:
  - a. Responding to domesticated animal complaints;
  - b. Control of dogs running at large;
  - c. Enforcement of rabies vaccination requirements and procedures to prevent the spread of rabies;
  - d. Providing medical care to injured animals;
  - e. Enforcement of municipal animal ordinances;
  - f. Remediation of animal trespass situations; and
  - g. Initial investigation of animal cruelty complaints (State Animal Welfare will be brought in if animal cruelty complaints are founded and require further attention).
3. **Response Times:** The ACO will be dispatched by the Penobscot Regional Communications Center and will be expected to respond to all calls within 24 hours. In addition, the ACO will respond to urgent or emergency calls as soon as possible. The ACO will immediately notify the Town of unusual situations such as dog bites, summonses, cruelty investigations, seizures and rabies cases.
4. **Record Keeping:** The ACO will keep detailed records of all calls relating to the Town, which records will be provided to the Town on a monthly basis. The call records will contain the following information: date of call, town name, physical address, the nature of the call, total call time, and total mileage.

5. **Training & Certification:** The ACO will be trained and certified as required under 7 MRSA § 3906-B(4).
6. **Inoculations:** The Town agrees to share equally in the cost of rabies inoculations that may be required due to the performance of this contract.
7. **Town Responsibilities:** The Town shall:
  - a. Appoint the ACO as the Town's ACO;
  - b. Maintain a contract with an approved shelter as required by 7 M.R.S. §3949;
  - c. Remain in good standing with veterinarian clinics used for animal control related services;
  - d. Provide information related to registration of animals to the ACO;
  - e. Provide to the ACO copies of ordinances related to domesticated animals specific to the Town; and
  - f. Direct all animal control complaints to the ACO through the Penobscot County Regional Communications Center for relay to the ACO.
8. **Compensation:**
  - a. The Town agrees to pay the County **Thirteen dollars and 50 cents (\$13.50)** per hour and **Fifty cents (\$.50)** per mile for the time and travel the ACO logs while responding to animal complaints in the town. The County will invoice the Town for time and mileage on a quarterly basis, beginning on April 1, 2018.
  - b. In addition, the Town agrees to pay the County an administration fee of 3% of the total time and mileage each quarter.
  - c. Payment is due within thirty (30) days of receipt of the invoice. The County may charge interest on any unpaid balance after forty-five (45) days from the date of the invoice.
9. **Termination:** Either party may terminate this agreement for no cause upon thirty (30) days written notice.
10. **Indemnification and Hold Harmless:** The Town hereby agrees to indemnify, save harmless and defend the Penobscot County together with any officers, officials, managers, supervisory employees, as well as their agents, persons acting in their interests, predecessors, successors, subsidiaries, affiliates, attorneys, insurers and assigns, and any related or affiliated entity, from and against any and all liabilities, claims, penalties,

forfeitures, suits and costs and expenses incident thereto on account of or in any way arising out of this Agreement.

11. **Governing Law:** This Agreement has been executed and delivered in Maine and its interpretation, validity and performance shall be construed in conformance with the laws of Maine.

12. **Entire Agreement:** This Agreement contains the entire agreement between the County and Town with respect to this subject matter.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereunder duly authorized have executed and delivered this agreement.

**PENOBSCOT COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Its: Chairman

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Commissioner

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Commissioner

**TOWN OF VEAZIE**

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Date

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## Town of Veazie

**To:** Budget Committee

**CC:** Veazie Town Council

**From:** Mark Leonard (y)

**Date:** 01-09-2018

**Re:** 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Review

ITEM # 11

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I am writing in preparation for our meeting which is scheduled for 630pm on January 11, 2018 at the Veazie Council Chambers to review the 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> quarter financials. You will find attached two items from Superintendent Matthew Cyr. The first item is a summary of the school budget year to date and the second item is a memo outlining items which are being considered while he is developing the school's FY 2018/2019 budget. In addition to the items from the school you will also find attached a year to date budget for the municipal budget and below you will see items I am considering while I prepare the municipal budget.

In reviewing this year's municipal budget I see no real areas of concern and all appear to be within budgeted amounts. As I move into preparing the budget for FY 2018/2019, I am anticipating and increase in the office software (TRIO) yearly fee, the communication line for all departments and I have received the county budget and there is an increase in the county tax.

I will be budgeting a fourth fulltime person for the police department. This was a position that was held by me until I took over as both the Police Chief and Town Manager. Since that time we have struggled to fill the hours. At times I still cover patrol shifts but am not able to do this on a regular basis and we continue to find it difficult to fill the hours with part time officers, which in turn causes a great deal of over time. This can nearly be eliminated by going back to four full time officers as we have learned over the past few months by putting someone back into this position on a temporary status. I will continue to work to produce supporting documents for this request as I move forward in preparing the upcoming budget.

Please review the documents prior to the meeting. Once you have reviewed the attached documents, please contact Superintendent Cyr or myself prior to the meeting so we can have the necessary material available to answer your question(s). I look forward to meeting with all of you Thursday night.



## **FY19 Budget Development Considerations Veazie School Department**

\*Special Ed. Adjustment #1 to the FY18 budget—Addition of 1 Ed. Tech. due to increased enrollment numbers and unexpected increased special education summertime move-ins at the primary grades (K - 2)—*we will need to budget for this additional position in FY19*

\*Special Ed. Adjustment #2 to FY18 budget—addition of 1 full-time Ed. Tech. in Pre-K due to students identified by CDS. *We will need to budget for this additional position in FY19*

\*Anticipated special education increase of 1 Ed. Tech. for FY19 due to further known increases in special education needs for the FY19 year.

\*Increased Special Education contracted services (testing, PT, OT, etc.) and transportation

\*Adjustments to School Administration (addition of 1 day/week of school counselor) to be made in FY19 to help balance RTI roles and responsibilities previously delegated to Superintendent, Principal, Curriculum, Technology director

\*Adjustment to central office needs (through re-negotiations of existing contracts); or, shifting central office needs back to Veazie through the creation of a local position to do HR, Accounting, Accounts Payable, Student Data with potential for other cost savings

\*Currently working on RFP for a new bussing contract

\*Addition of funds into Homeless Student transportation

\*Secondary Enrollment projections and contingencies....we had more unexpected high school move-ins during FY18—students that have never attended VCS, but we are paying their high school.

\*Mill Expectation (Section 4 of ED279)....what is valuation change for Veazie/State?

\*Overall Revenue—tuition and grant funds (both federal and regular) have we received...compare to fund balance, etc.

\*Collective Bargaining--protected increases in salaries/wages/insurances

\*Capital Improvement Plan—Paving back side of building, window replacement, continued work on school grounds (tree removal and turf development)

### **The positive:**

\*Debt Service payments are completed—Veazie now owns the school

\*Fund Balance Usage has stabilized

\*Newly created Capital Reserve Fund—currently has \$100,000—to be saved for unexpected facility needs

\*Major Capital projects are close to stabilizing with completion of cost-saving projects (lighting/HVAC)



# Veazie School Department Budget by Warrant Articles - Total

Report # 4419

Statement Code: Articles T

Account Number / Description	Adopted Budget 7/1/2017 - 6/30/2018	Amendments 7/1/2017 - 6/30/2018	Amended Budget 7/1/2017 - 6/30/2018	YTD Expended 7/1/2017 - 6/30/2018	Encumbrances 7/1/2017 - 6/30/2018	Amount Remaining 7/1/2017 - 6/30/2018	Percent Remaining 7/1/2017 - 6/30/2018
Total Article 1 - Reg Instr.	\$2,041,913.17	\$0.00	\$2,041,913.17	\$676,376.76	\$965.93	\$1,364,570.48	66.82 %
Total Article 2 - Sp/Ed Instr.	\$678,978.35	\$0.00	\$678,978.35	\$191,382.44	\$0.00	\$487,595.91	71.81 %
Total Article 3 - CTE Instr.	\$25,080.47	\$0.00	\$25,080.47	\$12,933.18	\$0.00	\$12,147.29	48.43 %
Total Article 4 - Other Instr.	\$36,094.64	\$0.00	\$36,094.64	\$10,504.44	\$35.90	\$25,554.30	70.79 %
Total Article 5 - Stu & Staff	\$198,858.55	\$9,369.83	\$208,228.38	\$86,167.22	\$500.00	\$121,561.16	58.37 %
Total Article 6 - System Admin	\$112,977.54	\$27,000.00	\$139,977.54	\$49,601.46	\$0.00	\$90,376.08	64.56 %
Total Article 7 - Schl Admin.	\$104,516.52	\$0.00	\$104,516.52	\$59,615.36	\$363.48	\$44,537.68	42.61 %
Total Article 8 - Transport.	\$143,300.00	\$0.00	\$143,300.00	\$49,328.52	\$0.00	\$93,971.48	65.57 %
Total Article 9 - Op & Maint	\$372,645.00	\$37,039.65	\$409,684.65	\$233,777.55	\$3,578.88	\$172,328.22	42.06 %
Total Article 10 - Debt Svc.	\$269,165.12	\$0.00	\$269,165.12	\$269,150.01	\$0.00	\$15.11	0.00 %
Total Article 11 - Other	\$40,000.00	\$0.00	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00 %
Subtotal Adult Education	\$1,760.00	\$0.00	\$1,760.00	\$392.94	\$0.00	\$1,367.06	77.67 %
TOTAL BUDGET	\$4,025,289.36	\$73,409.48	\$4,098,698.84	\$1,679,729.88	\$5,444.19	\$2,414,024.77	58.89 %



# Expense Summary Report

Department(s): 100 - 950  
July to January

Account	Budget Net	- C U R R M O N T H - Debits	Credits	YTD Net	Unexpended Balance	Percent Spent
<b>100 - GENERAL GOVE</b>	<b>311,050.00</b>	<b>154,864.50</b>	<b>6,978.18</b>	<b>147,886.32</b>	<b>163,163.68</b>	<b>47.54</b>
10 - PAYROLL	181,000.00	90,300.47	3,231.73	87,068.74	93,931.26	48.10
20 - BENEFITS	15,050.00	7,674.85	0.00	7,674.85	7,375.15	51.00
30 - RETIRE/INS	45,600.00	19,518.48	0.00	19,518.48	26,081.52	42.80
40 - OTHER COSTS	7,300.00	1,201.52	449.90	751.62	6,548.38	10.30
50 - PROF FEES	32,100.00	24,484.66	3,280.00	21,204.66	10,895.34	66.06
60 - REPAIRS	1,000.00	378.91	0.00	378.91	621.09	37.89
70 - UTILITIES	15,000.00	8,000.72	0.00	8,000.72	6,999.28	53.34
80 - EQUIPMENT	1,000.00	348.00	0.00	348.00	652.00	34.80
95 - MISC	13,000.00	2,956.89	16.55	2,940.34	10,059.66	22.62
<b>200 - POLICE</b>	<b>344,900.00</b>	<b>182,868.95</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>	<b>181,868.95</b>	<b>163,031.05</b>	<b>52.73</b>
10 - PAYROLL	221,500.00	109,486.87	1,000.00	108,486.87	113,013.13	48.98
20 - BENEFITS	21,100.00	12,265.41	0.00	12,265.41	8,834.59	58.13
30 - RETIRE/INS	62,000.00	38,551.85	0.00	38,551.85	23,448.15	62.18
40 - OTHER COSTS	25,400.00	15,519.29	0.00	15,519.29	9,880.71	61.10
60 - REPAIRS	7,200.00	3,820.93	0.00	3,820.93	3,379.07	53.07
95 - MISC	7,700.00	3,224.60	0.00	3,224.60	4,475.40	41.88
<b>300 - FIRE</b>	<b>231,300.00</b>	<b>112,611.55</b>	<b>1,172.11</b>	<b>111,439.44</b>	<b>119,860.56</b>	<b>48.18</b>
10 - PAYROLL	130,000.00	63,035.90	0.00	63,035.90	66,964.10	48.49
20 - BENEFITS	18,300.00	11,082.55	0.00	11,082.55	7,217.45	60.56
30 - RETIRE/INS	43,600.00	18,815.97	0.00	18,815.97	24,784.03	43.16
40 - OTHER COSTS	9,000.00	3,551.26	0.00	3,551.26	5,448.74	39.46
50 - PROF FEES	7,000.00	2,850.45	0.00	2,850.45	4,149.55	40.72
60 - REPAIRS	17,550.00	11,300.52	1,172.11	10,128.41	7,421.59	57.71
95 - MISC	5,850.00	1,974.90	0.00	1,974.90	3,875.10	33.76
<b>500 - RECREATION</b>	<b>12,500.00</b>	<b>628.75</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>628.75</b>	<b>11,871.25</b>	<b>5.03</b>
40 - OTHER COSTS	12,500.00	628.75	0.00	628.75	11,871.25	5.03
<b>550 - COMM INVES</b>	<b>30,000.00</b>	<b>18,295.72</b>	<b>10,000.00</b>	<b>8,295.72</b>	<b>21,704.28</b>	<b>27.65</b>
95 - MISC	30,000.00	18,295.72	10,000.00	8,295.72	21,704.28	27.65
<b>600 - CAP FUNDS</b>	<b>215,000.00</b>	<b>215,000.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>215,000.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>
90 - CAPITAL PROJ	215,000.00	215,000.00	0.00	215,000.00	0.00	100.00
<b>700 - RESERVE ACC</b>	<b>64,500.00</b>	<b>64,500.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>64,500.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>
40 - OTHER COSTS	64,500.00	64,500.00	0.00	64,500.00	0.00	100.00
<b>800 - FIXED CST/VA</b>	<b>480,480.00</b>	<b>163,683.86</b>	<b>10.00</b>	<b>163,673.86</b>	<b>316,806.14</b>	<b>34.06</b>
40 - OTHER COSTS	79,500.00	20,381.79	10.00	20,371.79	59,128.21	25.62
45 - FIXED COSTS	400,980.00	143,302.07	0.00	143,302.07	257,677.93	35.74
<b>900 - MANDATORY</b>	<b>4,138,947.70</b>	<b>2,549,782.66</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>2,549,782.66</b>	<b>1,589,165.04</b>	<b>61.60</b>
45 - FIXED COSTS	1,372,900.70	1,166,759.14	0.00	1,166,759.14	206,141.56	84.98
95 - MISC	2,766,047.00	1,383,023.52	0.00	1,383,023.52	1,383,023.48	50.00
<b>Final Totals</b>	<b>5,828,677.70</b>	<b>3,462,235.99</b>	<b>19,160.29</b>	<b>3,443,075.70</b>	<b>2,385,602.00</b>	<b>59.07</b>





# **Manager's Report For January 22, 2018 Council Meeting**

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

I attended the planning board meeting where a discussion was had on updating the land use ordinance uses table. Code Enforcement Officer Larson presented his recommendations which were approved by the planning board members who then referred it on to council to hold a public hearing. This public hearing is scheduled for the January 22, 2018 Council meeting. The suggested changes will allow for residential properties to be built in commercial and industrial zones where they are not allowed now.

Assistant Chief Metcalf, F/F Goodness and myself taught the last Flex program at the Veazie Community School. This concluded several weeks of lessons which both members of the fire and police department conducted during flex block time. Numerous topics were taught. On this day we taught a group of students hands only CPR.

Notification has been received from the State of Maine that the Town's Comprehensive plan has been accepted for review. This is the next step in the process. From the letter we should receive notification within 35 working days on whether the plan is complete or not. Letter is attached.

While at the school a group of students presented me with a tray of cookies and a thank you card for the municipal employees of the Town of Veazie. They were greatly appreciated by Staff

I attended another meeting of the Penobscot County radio infrastructure review group where we finalized an RFQ which will go out early in 2018. We are looking for vendors to replace the entire radio infrastructure for Penobscot Regional Communications Center.

I had a quarterly meeting with Jeff from Stillwater Environmental Engineering. Numerous items were discussed to include our response to the States reply to our annual reporting. Our responses have been sent to the State and have been accepted.

Dana from the Sewer District graciously agreed to camera the sewer pipe from the old public works space to make sure no problems exist prior to constructing the police department in this area. I am happy to report the pipe was in great shape and no concerns were noted. Thank you to the sewer district for completing this project for us.

I attended the 5<sup>th</sup> grade DARE graduation which was held at the Veazie Community School. This was the completion of several weeks of in class room teaching by Officer Jones. One student was chosen to read her DARE report which each student is required to write at the end of the class. The student did an outstanding job and was given a gift certificate for being selected as the top report.

# Manager's Report For January 22, 2018 Council Meeting

The municipal employees were presented with a large basket containing a variety of bake goods from the Veazie Church. The basket was well received from the employees.

I met with Bruce Fitzgerald who works for AT&T and is the salesperson for FirstNet. FirstNet is a federal program intended to provide priority communication capabilities to first responders. The program is in the early stages so we will continue to monitor it when it becomes more prevalent in this area we will look at joining the service.

Construction of the new police space in the old public works location has begun and is moving along as planned. I have met with vendors to discuss expanding the fire alarm in this space along with adding a camera system. Staff is looking forward to moving into the new space once it is completed.

I met with a representative from Maine Municipal Association and reviewed our current insurance coverage. We also discussed the buildout of the former public works space and the addition of the park land which was transferred to us last year. Neither of these will impact our current coverage.

The TIF group met with the consultant and the group is continuing the work needed to expand the TIF zone. Another meeting has been scheduled with Assessor Birch and I and then a follow up meeting with the whole group again has been scheduled for March.

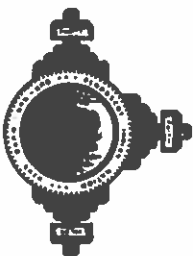
I attended a Maine Chiefs of Police Policy Committee meeting at the Criminal Justice Academy. I have been on this committee for numerous years and continue to enjoy the work the group does. Our current project is to review and update all of the mandatory policies although we are also working on some suggested policies.

We have received numerous complaints and concerns relating to snow plowing. I have been in constant conversation with the contractor trying to rectify these concerns as they are brought to my attention.

## Attachments:

1. Certificate of Completion from Pollution Prevention training for Manager Leonard
2. Home Fire Sprinkler Handout
3. BACTS Draft Meeting Minutes
4. Acceptance letter form State of Comprehensive Plan
5. BASWG December 14, 2017 Meeting Agenda
6. January 8, 2018 School Board meeting agenda
7. 2017 Report from PERC Plant Manager
8. Assessors update as of January 16, 2018
9. Letter to Manager Leonard from Veazie Citizen
10. BDN News Story on McPhetres' Forest
11. Newsletter from Penobscot EMA

# Penobscot Indian Nation



Certificate of Completion  
Awarded to

Mark Leonard  
for

Penobscot Indian Nation Pollution Prevention Training  
Held at Penobscot County Soil & Water Conservation District, Bangor, Maine  
October 26, 2017

Philip L. Ruck P.E.

President of Stillwater Environmental Engineering, Inc.

  
T. Jason Mitchell

Water Resources Field Coordinator, PIN



# Home Fire Sprinklers



Over 80% of all deaths in the home. Home fire sprinklers can save lives. They respond quickly and effectively to fire, often acting during the fire before the fire department arrives. Only the sprinkler closest to the fire will activate, spraying water on the fire.

## SAFETY TIPS

- » Home fire sprinklers protect lives by keeping fires small. In many situations a family who has survived a fire will also have their "home" to live in and enough of the items and space in their home to continue living their lives as they did before.
- » The cost of a home fire sprinkler system in a new home averages \$1.35 per sprinklered square foot totaling an amount similar to what is spent for carpet upgrades, paving stone driveway or a whirlpool bath.  
*Source: Fire Protection Research Foundation Study 2013.*
- » A home fire sprinkler system can reduce the homeowner's insurance premium.
- » Fire departments typically use roughly 10 times as much water as a fire sprinkler would use to contain a fire.  
*Source: Fire Protection Research Foundation Study 2010.*
- » Fire sprinklers are environmentally friendly. They can reduce the amount of water run-off and pollution, fire damage by up to 71%, and water usage to fight a home fire by as much as 91%.  
*Source: FM Global and Home Fire Sprinkler Coalition Study 2010.*
- » Cigar smoke or burnt toast will not activate a fire sprinkler. Only the high temperature of a fire will activate the sprinkler.
- » A home fire sprinkler system is easy to maintain. Just inspect your home to make sure the sprinklers are not blocked by something that would prevent the water from coming out such as paint and be sure the main control valve is never turned off.
- » Home fire sprinklers are effective in cold and warm climates. Guidelines have been created for the proper installation of systems to avoid pipes freezing. A home fire sprinkler system should be winterized the same way a domestic water supply is winterized.

## And Don't Forget...

- If **MOVING** into an apartment or condominium building, make sure common areas and individual apartments are sprinklered.
- If **BUILDING** a new home or remodeling an existing home, consider installing a home fire sprinkler system.

## FACTS

- ❗ More than **2,500** people die in home fires each year.
- ❗ If a home fire occurs, the risk of dying decreases by about **80%** when the home is equipped with a fire sprinkler system.



Your Source for **SAFETY** Information [www.nfpa.org/education](http://www.nfpa.org/education)  
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# Make a Convincing Case for Home Fire Sprinklers

Support the adoption of home fire sprinkler requirements by highlighting these **key points** to community members, legislators, and code-making authorities.

## Smoke alarms aren't enough

Make no mistake: smoke alarms are crucial and significantly cut the risk of dying in a home fire. But these devices do nothing to suppress a fire. Home fire sprinklers in coordination with smoke alarms have been proven to protect lives and property against fire. In fact, sprinklers cut the risk of dying in a home fire by an astounding **80 percent**.



## Sprinklers do more than save lives

Sprinklers can also save your home. In fact, these devices can reduce the average property loss per home by about **70 percent**.



## Home fires are a major problem in North America

Fire in the home poses a significant threat to the people of your community. On average, **2,500** people each year are dying in U.S. home fires. Further showcasing the enormity of this problem is that roughly **80 percent** of all fire deaths are the result of home fires.

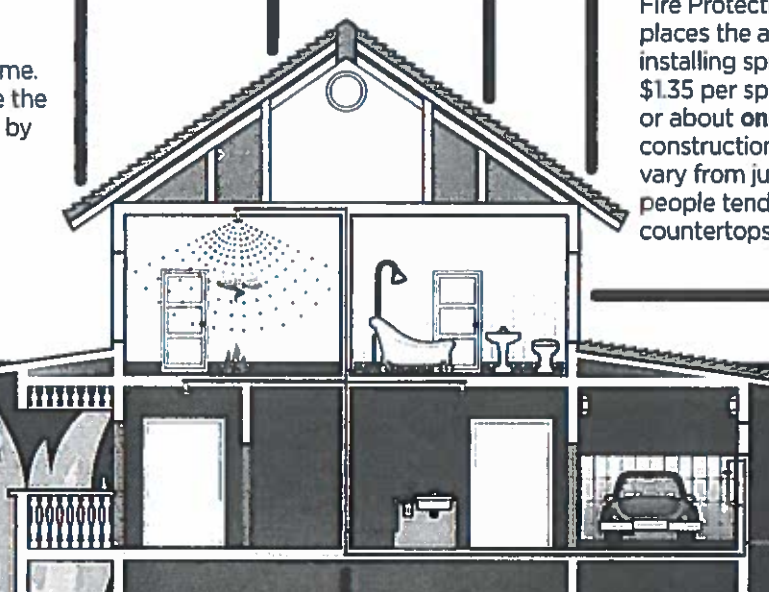


## Home fire sprinklers are cost effective

A report commissioned by the Fire Protection Research Foundation places the average national cost of installing sprinklers in new homes at **\$1.35** per sprinklered square foot, or about **one percent** of the total construction cost. While costs can vary from jurisdiction to jurisdiction, people tend to pay more for granite countertops.

## Beware of false claims

Sprinkler opponents like to tout that "newer homes are safer homes." In actuality, newer homes tend to have larger open spaces, lightweight construction materials, and furniture stuffed with combustible materials— all factors that exacerbate fire spread and lead to homes burning more quickly than ever before. These threats place both homeowners and firefighters at significant risk.



## Dispel myths on sprinkler effectiveness

Hollywood has it wrong: when one home fire sprinkler goes off, the rest don't follow. Nearly **85 percent** of the time, only one sprinkler activates during a fire. And since sprinklers use significantly less water to suppress a fire than a fire hose, water damage is significantly reduced.



**FireSprinklerInitiative.org**

Visit *NFPA's Fire Sprinkler Initiative* website for more information.



FIRE SPRINKLER INITIATIVE  
Bringing Safety Home

*Data referenced by NFPA and other sources*

# The truth about home fire sprinklers

*Fires in the home pose one of the biggest threats to the people of your community. In 2013, U.S. fire departments responded to an estimated 1,240,000 fires. These fires caused 3,240 civilian deaths. Of those deaths, 83% occurred in the home, the very place people feel most safe.*

*All national model safety codes include fire sprinklers as a minimum safety requirement for new home construction. Homes built without sprinklers lack a crucial element of fire protection.*

*Because sprinklers have been around for so long, the evidence is clear that they are a proven way to protect lives and property against fires at home – responding quickly and effectively to the presence of a nearby fire, and requiring minimal maintenance by homeowners.*

## Fast Facts

- In 2013, there was a civilian fire death every 2 hours and 42 minutes in the United States.
- The risk of dying in a home fire decreases by about 80% if sprinklers are present.
- Home fire sprinklers reduce direct property damage by about 70%.
- The cost of installation averages \$1.35 per sprinklered square foot for new construction.

**MYTH: “A smoke alarm provides enough protection.”**

**FACT:** Smoke alarms alert occupants to the presence of danger, but do nothing to extinguish the fire. In a fire, sprinklers can control and may even extinguish a fire in less time than it would take the fire department to arrive.

**MYTH: “Newer homes are safer homes.”**

**FACT:** In a fire, lightweight construction materials, used in many modern homes, burn quicker and fail faster. New homes often contain modern furnishings made of synthetic materials which, in a fire, can create a highly toxic environment, greater fuel load, and faster fire propagation.

**MYTH: “Home fire sprinklers often leak or activate accidentally.”**

**FACT:** Leaks are very rare, and are no more likely than leaks from a home’s plumbing system. A sprinkler is calibrated to activate when it senses a significant heat change. They don’t operate in response to smoke, cooking vapors, steam, or the sound of a smoke alarm.

**MYTH: “When a fire occurs, every sprinkler will activate and everything in the house will be ruined.”**

**FACT:** In the event of a fire, typically only the sprinkler closest to the fire will activate, spraying water directly on the fire, leaving the rest of the house dry and secure. Roughly 85% of the time, just one sprinkler operates.

**MYTH: “Sprinklers are unattractive and will ruin the aesthetics of the home.”**

**FACT:** New home fire sprinkler models are very unobtrusive, can be mounted flush with walls or ceilings, and can be concealed behind decorative covers.

**MYTH: “Sprinklers are not practical in colder climates, as the pipes will freeze and cause water damage.”**

**FACT:** With proper installation, sprinklers will not freeze. NFPA 13D, *Standard for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems in One- and Two-Family Dwellings and Manufactured Homes*, includes guidelines on proper insulation to prevent pipes from freezing.

**MYTH: “The water damage caused by sprinklers will be more extensive than fire damage.”**

**FACT:** In a fire, sprinklers quickly control heat and smoke. Any water damage from the sprinkler will be much less severe than the damage caused by water from firefighting hose lines. Fire departments use up to 10 times as much water to extinguish a home fire as fire sprinklers would use to extinguish the same fire.

## Free information about home fire sprinklers



The Fire Sprinkler Initiative (FSI), a project of the National Fire Protection Association, aims to increase the number of new,

one- and two-family homes protected by sprinklers. The FSI website offers free research and resources to help advocates promote the fact that sprinklers are necessary in new construction.  
[www.firesprinklerinitiative.org](http://www.firesprinklerinitiative.org)



**Home Fire Sprinkler  
COALITION**  
Protect What You Value Most

The Home Fire Sprinkler Coalition (HFSC) is a leading resource for accurate, noncommercial information and materials about home fire sprinklers for consumers, the fire service, builders, and other professionals. HFSC offers free educational materials about sprinklers and how they provide affordable protection to your community.  
[www.homefiresprinkler.org](http://www.homefiresprinkler.org)







**MUNICIPAL PARTNERS TRANSIT COMMITTEE  
BREWER AUDITORIUM CONFERENCE ROOM  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2017  
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Members Present:**

Jeremy Caron, City of Brewer  
Karen Fussell, City of Brewer  
Ron Harriman, City of Old Town  
Linda Johns, City of Brewer  
Laurie Linscott, Community Connector

Connie Reed, BACTS  
Amy Rau, MaineDOT  
Janna Newman Richards, Town of Orono  
Tom Spitz, University of Maine

**Guests Present:**

Martin Chartrand, Transportation for All  
Marcia Larkin, Penquis  
Galen Lavertue, Penquis

Kole McBreaity, Pequis  
Tammy Tewhey, Penquis

**Call to Order:** Karen Fussell called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. Introductions were made.

**Approval of September 6, 2017 meeting minutes:** Tom Spitz made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Karen Fussell seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

**FY19 Budget Process Timeline:** Connie Reed let the Committee know that she met with Mike Crooker on November 29 and he anticipates having preliminary FY19 Community Connector budget numbers to discuss with the Committee in February. With the November meeting being pushed to December and the January meeting falling directly after the holidays, the Committee will not meet on January 3. However, meetings are scheduled for the first Wednesday of February, March and April to work through the budget process/season. All three of these meetings are scheduled for 10:00 a.m. at the Machias Savings Bank Conference Room in Brewer.

**2017 Ridership Statistics:** Community Connector ridership statistics indicate ridership continued to decrease in FY 2017. Five-year ridership statistics by Municipality were presented. Several factors contribute to the decreases; however, it is essential for the system to increase ridership in order to meet Small Transit Intensive Cities (STIC) service factors to qualify for the performance-based funding. This funding has been a substantial portion of Community Connector federal funding since 2013.

STIC FUNDING AS A PERCENTAGE OF COMMUNITY CONNECTOR TOTAL FTA \$5307 FUNDING			
FFY	Total STIC Funding	Factors Met	% of Total FTA Funding
2013	\$ 541,382	3	40.92%
2014	\$ 576,049	3	42.12%
2015	\$ 377,575	2	32.34%
2016	\$ 378,864	2	31.97%
2017	\$ 382,076	2	31.81%

**Community Connector 101 Presentation:** Laurie Linscott presented the history of the bus system in Bangor, which began in 1976 with 6 buses and 4 routes. Today, Community Connector operates 24 buses on 14 routes, 10 of which are unique routes.

In 2005, the University of Maine in Orono contracted with Community Connector to offer students free fare with their student ID. The program was so popular, it was expanded and now, with the recent addition of Beal College, all Universities and Colleges in the area now participate in free fares for students and staff with School IDs. In FY 17, 123,105 rides were provided through these contracts.

Community Connector experienced many major changes in 2013. Joe McNeil, the long-time Bus Superintendent retired; bus drivers Unionized; the Governor designated the City of Bangor as an FTA direct-recipient; and MaineCare changed their non-emergency transportation program.

With the FTA direct-recipient designation, the City of Bangor receives funding directly from FTA, rather than receiving sub-allocated funding through MaineDOT, and is subject to FTA reporting and review requirements. In 2016, Community Connector had its first FTA Triennial Review covering FY 13, 14 and 15. The next FTA Triennial review will occur in 2019, covering FY 16, 17 and 18.

Community Connector has been working to update the bus fleet. In 2015, 2 buses with mid-life overhauls were purchased. In 2016, 4 buses with end of life overhauls were ordered and put in service in 2017. In September 2017, 2 brand new buses were delivered. In 2016, Community Connector was awarded a discretionary grant to purchase 5 new buses. These 5 buses will be acquired as part of a piggy-back contract with the State of Connecticut. Although the manufacturer has not confirmed the schedule, Community Connector plans to stagger the bus purchases with 2 in CY 2018, 2 in CY 2019 and 1 in CY 2020. When purchasing new buses, FTA requires pre-production and post-production reviews. In 2016 and 2017, Laurie and Eric Willett, the City of Bangor's Director of Fleet Maintenance, along with a third-party contractor, traveled to the Gillig manufacturing plant in California for these reviews. For the upcoming piggyback purchase of the 5 new buses, Laurie and Eric will travel to Gillig once for a pre-production meeting on all 5 buses, and again prior to each delivery for the post-production factory inspection. At the 2017 Tri-State Transit Conference in September both Laurie and Eric attended the 3-day CTAA Vehicle Maintenance Management and Inspection Training and Certification Program so they will not have a third-party contractor assist them.

Fixed-route public transportation providers are required to provide ADA Complementary Paratransit services for individuals that are unable to use the regular fixed-route service due to disability. There is an eligibility process which must be met in order to be able to use the service. Riders must schedule their trip a day in advance so it does not provide as much flexibility or freedom for the rider. The application,

interviewing and reservations process is done at the Community Connector administrative office on Maine Avenue and transportation is currently provided by LYNX.

The Community Connector administrative office, Hannaford, municipal offices and other retail locations sell bus tickets, at least one location in each town served by the bus system. Drivers do not sell tickets on the bus. When this process changed, riders adapted quickly to the change. There is also a vending machine at the bus depot that the City of Bangor Economic Development Department funded.

Currently, the Community Connector administrative office is staffed by a Superintendent, an Operations Manager, a Compliance Office and a full-time Dispatcher. Success has required more time and effort for the staff to meet the duties required of a direct recipient. There are also between 35 and 37 bus drivers on staff.

Community Connector's funding model is antiquated. Communities share of bus revenues and expenses are all individually counted and credited for each specific route. This is no longer working and the City of Bangor is working on a new cost sharing model that will be introduced with the FY19 budget. The new model will be a more system-wide model that more closely mirrors industry-wide standards of billing based on hours and miles. This will make it easier to track and make equitable in a more formalized manner. Community Connector needs to acquire more technology to adequately collect data.

Transit needs to be considered early in project review by municipal leaders and developers. Get Community Connector staff to the table to ensure that transit is available and able to physically service the planned developments. Planning Boards and Councils should add Community Connector to their checklists and include them early in the project planning phase.

The Community Connector administrative office will be moving into the new building in a couple weeks. The new address is 475 Maine Avenue located at the same site as the Motor Pool.

Some of the projects Community Connector is currently working on include designating stops. The proposed designated stops, along with a bus stop/ bus shelter policy, and maintenance requirements will be presented to the Committee. New maps and brochures will be produced once finalized. The City of Bangor just completed the RFP process for Paratransit Service, and is finalizing and RFP for Technology/Software to enable collect data and eventually provide real-time bus data anticipated to be completed Friday (12/8) or Monday (12/11).

The Community Connector system provided 605,083 revenue miles and 46,893 revenue hours in FY 2016. The annual budget for Community Connector in FY 2018 is \$3.2 million, compared to \$3.1 million in FY 2017 and \$2.8 million in both FY 2015 and 2016.

Advertising income offsets local costs. Advertising can be purchased for both the interior and exterior of the bus. To wrap a bus it costs approximately \$1,500 for production and about an hour of labor to apply. Material used for the wrap is based on the length of the contract. A more expensive material is used for longer contracts, but shorter contracts can use a less expensive material to produce the wrap. Community Connector does not require printing to be done at any particular location. Any non-profit organizations can get advertising free on the bus if space is available. Interior advertisements can be printed on any material.

The student bus pass allows students through high school to purchase an unlimited monthly pass for \$20. This program has not been as popular as they had hoped for. In addition students of Penobscot Job Corp and Alternative Education can participate in the student bus pass program. There is no age restriction for children riding by themselves.

**Future Agenda Items:** Marcia Larkin said she would like to do a presentation for the Committee about the public transportation programs and different funding sources that LYNX offers. Linda Johns suggested that BACTS compile a list of available public transportation providers and options to distribute to member municipalities so that they can provide residents with information about available public transportation resources and options.

Laurie Linscott stated that in February, Community Connector will be presenting municipalities participating in the bus system with a service contract.

Karen Fussell requested that the February meeting also include a Community Connector Finances 101 presentation as the new funding model is developed to help keep all participating municipalities an active part of the process.

Additional short-term projects to be on future agendas include proposed changes to routes and fixed-stops, and proposed bus stop and shelter maintenance policies.

**Other Business:** Martin Chartrand told the group that Transportation For All is requesting the Committee for assistance in getting surveys regarding expanding the bus hours to individuals who are not necessarily already riding the bus. Martin said he will send the survey for members to add a link or the survey to their websites, social media accounts and/or newsletters. Janna Richards said Orono has a newsletter and she would be happy to include something in their newsletter.

**Adjourn:** Linda Johns made a motion to adjourn. Tom Spitz seconded the motion.



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

**December 14, 2017**

**Location: 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Council Chambers, Old Town City Hall, Old Town, Maine**

**9:00 am – 11:00 am**

### **AGENDA**

- 9:00 am Welcome and Roundrobin Introductions (5 min)**
- 9:05 am Education and Outreach Planning (40 min)**
- Impact assessment survey dissemination
  - Social media calendar approval
  - Bus wrap opportunity
  - Outreach video
  - Science Festival
  - Pulse contract
  - E&O contract RFP for PY1
  - David Foundation report
- 9:45 am Moving into the Next Permit Cycle (30 min)**
- Review of permit language
  - Content for comment letter to DEP
  - Stakeholder meeting participation
- 10:15 am Planning for Development of Next Cycle BASWG Regional SWMP (15 min)**
- 10:30 am PY1 BASWG Budget Planning (15 min)**
- Review of options in light of released permit
  - Additional planning using FY 2018-2019 (PY1) budget planning sheet
- 10:45 am Organizational Business (15 min)**
- Approval of the BASWG Minutes (V)
  - Treasurer's Update (Patrick D.)
  - Upcoming meeting agendas
- 11:00 am BASWG Meeting Adjourns**
- \*\*Budget or Comment Letter Discussion may continue after the meeting.\*\***
- Anyone interested in providing input on these items should be prepared stay for up one hour after the meeting to address these items, if needed.***





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**To:** Mark Leonard, Town Manager  
**From:** Phil Carey, Senior Planner, DACF  
**Date:** 12/29/2017  
**Re:** Acceptance of Comprehensive Plan for Review

Thank you for submitting the 2017 Veazie Comprehensive Plan for our review for consistency with the Growth Management Act (30 M.R.S.A. § 4312 et seq).



The Department has accepted your plan for review. You will be notified within 35 working days as to whether or not the plan is "complete". A Notification of Completeness means that portions of the plan other than the Future Land Use Plan have been found by the Department to be consistent with the Act. If the plan is found complete you will then be notified within an additional 10 working days as to the entire plan's consistency with the Growth Management Act.



The Department cannot accept your plan for review due to missing element(s) of the plan. Please submit the needed element(s) noted below in order for the plan review to begin. You may submit them to me via emailing or regular mail.

Again, thank you for your submission. If you have any questions, please contact me by phone at (207) 287-3860 or by email at [phil.carey@maine.gov](mailto:phil.carey@maine.gov).

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

**TO: Veazie School Committee**

**FROM: Matthew D. Cyr, Superintendent and Principal**

**DATE: January 8, 2018**

**SUBJECT: School Committee Meeting - 6:00 p.m.  
Veazie Community School Library**

**AGENDA**

- I. Call of the Roll**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of December 4, 2017**
- 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. FY19 Budget Meeting Schedule (attached)**
- B. FY19 Budget Development Considerations (attached)**
- C. VCS Warrant Article Summary (attached)**
- D. School Bus Contract going out to bid**
- E. Policy Update Recommendations from MSMA audit**
- F. SMLC Regionalization Update**
- G. December Financials (Exhibit)**

**XI. New Business**

**XII. Old Business**

- A. Secondary Student Transportation Update**
- B. RSU 26 & Town of Veazie Withdrawal Plan (attached)**

**XIII. Board Policy**

- A. Discuss and act on second reading and adoption of Policy DC, Use of Credit Cards (Exhibit)**

**XIV. Request for Information**

**XV. Executive Session to Discuss a Personnel Matter, According to 1 M.R.S.A. 405(6)(A)**

**XVI. Next Meeting - February 5, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the VCS Library Media Center**

**XVII. Adjournment**

# Veazie School Department

## All Revenue - YTD

Report # 4436

Statement Code: All Revenue

Account Number / Description	Expected Revenue	YTD Received	Amount Remaining	Percent Remaining
	7/1/2017 - 6/30/2018	7/1/2017 - 12/31/2017	7/1/2017 - 12/31/2017	7/1/2017 - 12/31/2017
<b>1000 GENERAL FUND</b>				
1000-0000-0000-41211-000 Local Allocation - Veazie	(1,895,508.50)	(942,038.00)	(953,470.50)	50.30%
1000-0000-0000-41213-000 Additional Local Funds - Veazie	(868,778.56)	(440,105.54)	(428,673.02)	49.34%
1000-0000-0000-41510-000 Interest Income	0.00	(4,843.28)	4,843.28	---
1000-0000-0000-41901-000 Miscellaneous Revenue	0.00	(68.75)	68.75	---
1000-0000-0000-41981-000 Refund Prior Year's Expenditures	0.00	(1,716.31)	1,716.31	---
1000-0000-0000-41991-000 Refund MSMA WC premium	0.00	(1,117.00)	1,117.00	---
1000-0000-0000-43110-000 State Allocation - Veazie	(764,429.78)	(382,214.88)	(382,214.90)	50.00%
1000-0000-0000-43111-000 State Subsidy/Debt Service	(268,297.00)	(268,297.00)	0.00	0.00%
1000-0000-0000-45000-000 Veazie Balance Forward	(270,000.00)	(270,000.00)	0.00	0.00%
1000-0000-0000-45430-000 State share SRRF	(29,925.00)	0.00	(29,925.00)	100.00%
<b>TOTAL 1000 GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$(4,096,938.84)</b>	<b>\$(2,310,400.76)</b>	<b>\$(1,786,538.08)</b>	<b>43.60%</b>
<b>1500 Adult Ed Voc Orono</b>				
1500-0000-0000-41214-000 Local Share for Adult Ed	(1,760.00)	(879.98)	(880.02)	50.00%
<b>TOTAL 1500 Adult Ed Voc Orono</b>	<b>\$(1,760.00)</b>	<b>\$(879.98)</b>	<b>\$(880.02)</b>	<b>50.00%</b>
<b>2050 MCF Fast Track Grant</b>				
2050-0000-0000-41920-000 MCF Fast Track Grant	0.00	(3,000.00)	3,000.00	---
<b>TOTAL 2050 MCF Fast Track Grant</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$(3,000.00)</b>	<b>\$3,000.00</b>	<b>---</b>
<b>2120 Cole Foundation</b>				
2120-0000-0000-41920-000 Cole Foundation Grant	0.00	(2,000.00)	2,000.00	---
<b>TOTAL 2120 Cole Foundation</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$(2,000.00)</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>	<b>---</b>
<b>2300 Title IA</b>				
2300-0000-0000-44517-000 TITLE IA	(30,106.00)	0.00	(30,106.00)	100.00%
<b>TOTAL 2300 Title IA</b>	<b>\$(30,106.00)</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$(30,106.00)</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
<b>2400 Title IV A</b>				
2400-0000-0000-44523-000 Title IV A	(9,855.61)	0.00	(9,855.61)	100.00%
<b>TOTAL 2400 Title IV A</b>	<b>\$(9,855.61)</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$(9,855.61)</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
<b>2470 Local Entitlement</b>				
2470-0000-0000-44562-000 LE Grant or Carryover Even FY's	(67,030.40)	0.00	(67,030.40)	100.00%
2470-0000-0000-44570-000 LE grant or carryover, Odd FY's	(25,440.00)	(7,198.69)	(18,241.31)	71.70%
<b>TOTAL 2470 Local Entitlement</b>	<b>\$(92,470.40)</b>	<b>\$(7,198.69)</b>	<b>\$(85,271.71)</b>	<b>92.21%</b>
<b>2510 Local Entitlement Preschool</b>				
2510-0000-0000-44563-000 Local Entitlement Preschool	(808.00)	0.00	(808.00)	100.00%
2510-0000-0000-44564-000 LE Preschool - carryover	(214.00)	0.00	(214.00)	100.00%
<b>TOTAL 2510 Local Entitlement Preschool</b>	<b>\$(1,022.00)</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$(1,022.00)</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
<b>2700 Title IIA</b>				
2700-0000-0000-44520-000 TITLE IIA	(17,097.00)	0.00	(17,097.00)	100.00%
2700-0000-0000-44521-000 Carryover	(481.41)	(481.41)	0.00	0.00%

# Veazie School Department

## All Revenue - YTD

Report # 4436

Account Number / Description	Expected Revenue	YTD Received	Amount Remaining	Percent Remaining
	7/1/2017 - 6/30/2018	7/1/2017 - 12/31/2017	7/1/2017 - 12/31/2017	7/1/2017 - 12/31/2017
<b>TOTAL 2700 Title IIA</b>	<b>\$(17,578.41)</b>	<b>\$(481.41)</b>	<b>\$(17,097.00)</b>	<b>97.26%</b>
<b>2900 Small Rural School Achievement Program</b>				
2900-0000-0000-44390-000 Small Rural School Achievement	(21,937.57)	(1,724.57)	(20,213.00)	92.13%
<b>TOTAL 2900 Small Rural School Achievement Program</b>	<b>\$(21,937.57)</b>	<b>\$(1,724.57)</b>	<b>\$(20,213.00)</b>	<b>92.13%</b>
<b>4500 Capital Reserve</b>				
4500-0000-0000-41510-000 Interest Income	0.00	(285.28)	285.28	---
4500-0000-0000-45201-000 Transfer In	0.00	(100,000.00)	100,000.00	---
<b>TOTAL 4500 Capital Reserve</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$(100,285.28)</b>	<b>\$100,285.28</b>	<b>---</b>
<b>6000 SCHOOL NUTRITION REVENUE</b>				
6000-0000-0000-41215-000 Local taxes raised - Lunch	0.00	(40,000.00)	40,000.00	---
6000-0000-0000-41611-000 FS Sales - Student Lunch	0.00	(7,307.95)	7,307.95	---
6000-0000-0000-41612-000 FS Sales - Breakfast	0.00	(709.00)	709.00	---
6000-0000-0000-41620-000 FS Sales - A La Carte	0.00	(123.75)	123.75	---
6000-0000-0000-41630-000 FS Sales - Adults	0.00	(33.40)	33.40	---
6000-0000-0000-41996-000 FS Misc. Revenue	0.00	(3.00)	3.00	---
6000-0000-0000-43251-000 State Funds Lunch	0.00	(601.00)	601.00	---
6000-0000-0000-44551-000 Federal Funds Regular Lunch	0.00	(4,897.08)	4,897.08	---
6000-0000-0000-44552-000 Federal Funds Lunch - Reduced	0.00	(1,998.28)	1,998.28	---
6000-0000-0000-44554-000 Federal Funds Breakfast	0.00	(1,837.30)	1,837.30	---
<b>TOTAL 6000 SCHOOL NUTRITION REVENUE</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$(57,510.76)</b>	<b>\$57,510.76</b>	<b>---</b>
<b>9990 STUDENT ACTIVITY</b>				
9990-0000-0000-40999-000 STUDENT ACTIVITY REVENUE	0.00	(1,085.56)	1,085.56	---
<b>TOTAL 9990 STUDENT ACTIVITY</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$(1,085.56)</b>	<b>\$1,085.56</b>	<b>---</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$(4,271,668.83)</b>	<b>\$(2,484,567.01)</b>	<b>\$(1,787,101.82)</b>	<b>41.83%</b>

# Veazie School Department

## Budget by Warrant Articles - Total

Statement Code: Articles T

Account Number / Description	Adopted Budget 7/1/2017 - 6/30/2018	Amendments 7/1/2017 - 6/30/2018	Amended Budget 7/1/2017 - 6/30/2018	YTD Expended 7/1/2017 - 12/31/2017	Encumbrances 7/1/2017 - 12/31/2017	Amount Remaining 7/1/2017 - 12/31/2017	Percent Remaining 7/1/2017 - 12/31/2017
<b>Total Article 1 - Reg Instr.</b>	\$2,041,913.17	\$0.00	\$2,041,913.17	\$676,376.76	\$965.93	\$1,364,570.48	66.82%
<b>Total Article 2 - Sp/Ed Instr.</b>	\$678,978.35	\$0.00	\$678,978.35	\$191,382.44	\$0.00	\$487,595.91	71.81%
<b>Total Article 3 - CTE Instr.</b>	\$25,080.47	\$0.00	\$25,080.47	\$12,933.18	\$0.00	\$12,147.29	48.43%
<b>Total Article 4 - Other Instr.</b>	\$36,094.64	\$0.00	\$36,094.64	\$10,504.44	\$35.90	\$25,554.30	70.79%
<b>Total Article 5 - Stu &amp; Staff</b>	\$198,858.55	\$9,369.83	\$208,228.38	\$86,167.22	\$500.00	\$121,561.16	58.37%
<b>Total Article 6 - System Admin</b>	\$112,977.54	\$27,000.00	\$139,977.54	\$49,601.46	\$0.00	\$90,376.08	64.56%
<b>Total Article 7 - Schl Admin.</b>	\$104,516.52	\$0.00	\$104,516.52	\$59,615.36	\$363.48	\$44,537.68	42.61%
<b>Total Article 8 - Transport.</b>	\$143,300.00	\$0.00	\$143,300.00	\$49,328.52	\$0.00	\$93,971.48	65.57%
<b>Total Article 9 - Op &amp; Maint</b>	\$372,645.00	\$37,039.65	\$409,684.65	\$233,777.55	\$3,578.88	\$172,328.22	42.06%
<b>Total Article 10 - Debt Svc.</b>	\$269,165.12	\$0.00	\$269,165.12	\$269,150.01	\$0.00	\$15.11	0.00%
<b>Total Article 11 - Other</b>	\$40,000.00	\$0.00	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
<b>Subtotal Adult Education</b>	\$1,760.00	\$0.00	\$1,760.00	\$392.94	\$0.00	\$1,367.06	77.67%
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	\$4,025,289.36	\$73,409.48	\$4,098,698.84	\$1,679,229.88	\$5,444.19	\$2,414,024.77	58.89%





## **2017 Report from the Plant Manager**

As we begin this new year, I want to take a minute to give you a report on 2017, the most successful year in PERC's three decades of operation.

First, a special thanks to the three groups of people responsible for our success: our municipal partners and customers, who we are proud to serve; our owners, who continue to guide and invest in our facility; and most of all, our employees, many of whom have been with us for 20 years or more, who every day help us process waste and generate renewable power in a safe, efficient and environmentally responsible manner.

Here are a few of the highlights of 2017 I would like to share with you:

### **A record-setting year for power generation**

PERC achieved the highest capacity factor for electricity generation in its 30-year history. Capacity factor is how we measure output – it's the average of power generated, divided by the peak capacity rating for the facility. For 2017, PERC produced 169,324 megawatts (MW) out of a maximum possible 185,362 MW, for a capacity factor of 91.35 %!

According to the U.S. Energy Information Administration, in 2016 (the most recent full year for which data is available) the annual capacity factor for utility-scale generators using municipal solid waste (MSW), like PERC, was 69.7%, so our performance was significantly above the national average.

### **The most MSW ever processed**

We processed more MSW in 2017 than any other year in our 30-year history – more than 315,000 tons, surpassing the old record of 313,645 tons processed in 2011.

### **A stellar environmental record**

We had no environmental exceedances for the entire year, which means we operated in full compliance with all our permits and all applicable environmental laws and regulations.

### **The Terminator, a game-changer**

In 2017, we purchased the "Terminator", a KOMPTECH 6000s slow-speed grinder. The Terminator has allowed us to access much more diverse waste sources for fuel, such as carpet and oversized bulky waste (OBW). It also helps us size waste better for our boilers and recover more metals.

### **A new system to recover more metals**

We invested in a new recycling system to recover more metals – both ferrous and non-ferrous – from the ash left in our boilers after MSW incineration. The recovered material represents nearly 25% of our total ash disposal weight and an even higher percentage of ash by volume. This means less ash going to the landfill and increased revenue from recovering a valuable resource.

### **Achieving negative wastewater discharge**

We also invested in a system that allows us to use rinse water from a local manufacturing business in our anti-slugging system. Because this rinse water was previously discharged as wastewater, we are making the PERC plant better than a zero-discharge facility – it has actually become a negative-discharge facility, which is quite an accomplishment!

### **Open house and tours**

We held our second successful annual open house last summer to give our communities and the public a better understanding of what we do and the important role we play in Maine's Solid Waste Management Hierarchy. We also gave private tours of the plant throughout the year to state and local officials and other individuals interested in learning more about our operations.

### **New office space and storage**

We constructed new internal office space and better storage for our maintenance staff, all part of our ongoing efforts to make plant operations more efficient.

### **Boiler upgrades**

We replaced boiler parts that were due for replacement from age and wear, including the last one of the original lower water walls.

### **Partnership with Maine Maritime Academy**

For many years, PERC has been a proud sponsor of a cooperative training program each summer that employs four to six students and gives them hands-on experience in power generation.

In 2017, a group of MMA students designed a new control scheme for one of our cooling tower fan motors as part of a Capstone project, where students assess and present proposals for solving real-world problems in the industrial environment. The new control scheme utilizes a variable frequency motor drive and gives us a full range of available horsepower to meet the plant's cooling water temperature control needs.

Special thanks the MMA students and the Academy for their terrific programs and for coming up with this money-saving improvement to our operations.

As you can see, it's been quite a year. As we move forward in 2018 we will be saying good-bye to many of the towns we have served over the past 30 years. It's been an amazingly successful public-private partnership, and we wish the departing communities all the best with their new disposal options.

To the more than 40 municipalities that are staying with us, we appreciate your confidence in us and look forward to continuing to work with you. The plant is in great shape, we're continually lining up new waste sources, and our employees remain committed to meeting your waste disposal needs with the same skill, dedication, and concern for the environment that you have come to expect from us.

Thank you for your business and best wishes for the new year.

Henry Lang  
Plant Manager



## MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

TO: Mark Leonard, Veazie Town Manager

CC: Veazie Town Councilors

FROM: Benjamin F. Birch, Jr., Assessor

Date: January 16, 2018

### **RE: Assessor's Update as of January 16, 2018**

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 (Nov. 21, 2017 – Homebuyers across Maine have been active this fall season. Maine Listings announced today that sales of single-family existing homes increased by 8.05% in October 2017, statewide, compared to October 2016. Prices also jumped 6.49 percent to a median sales price (MSP) of \$205,000 comparing October 2017 to October 2016. Encl. 1

AUGUSTA (Dec. 20, 2017) – Sales of single –family existing homes increased by double digits last month. According to Maine Listings, Realtors across the state sold 1,576 homes during November, which represents an increase of 11.46 percent from a year ago. The median sales price (MSP) for those homes rose 4.24 percent to \$200,000.

“Through November, the number of home sales statewide in 2017 has exceeded the best-ever 2016 by 0.6 percent. We’re hoping that strong

sales activity in December will push 2017 to claim the number one all-time ranking,” added Greg Gosselin, Broker/Owner of Gosselin Realty Group in York and 2017 President of the Maine Association of REALTORS. **Encl. 2**

#### **B. News releases from Federal Housing Finance Agency**

Washington, DC December 21, 2017 – U.S. house prices rose in October, up 0.5 percent from the previous month, according to the Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA) seasonally adjusted monthly House Price Index (HPI). 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 2016 to October 2017, house prices were up 6.6 percent. **Encl. 3**

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CONTACTS: LISTED BELOW

## **MAINE HOME SALES UP 8% PERCENT IN OCTOBER**

AUGUSTA (Nov. 21, 2017)—Homebuyers across Maine have been active this fall season. Maine Listings announced today that sales of single-family existing homes increased by 8.05 percent in October 2017, statewide, compared to October 2016. Prices also jumped 6.49 percent to a median sales price (MSP) of \$205,000 comparing October 2017 to October 2016. The MSP indicates that half of the homes were sold for more and half sold for less.

“We’ve been hearing for many months that a shortage of for-sale inventory had hindered the potential for 2017 real estate markets. While the for-sale inventory levels continue to be historically low, they are increasing, and buyers are now finding options and purchasing the right home for their needs,” says Greg Gosselin, Broker/Owner of Gosselin Realty Group in York and 2017 President of the Maine Association of REALTORS®.

“The past four months, including these very strong October numbers have brought us on par with the record-setting 2016. To date in 2017, the number of home sales statewide is just 0.4 percent below last year. Buyers hoping to be settled before winter should provide a strong ending to the year,” added Gosselin.

According to the National Association of Realtors, sales of single-family existing homes eased 1.0 percent nationally comparing October 2017 to October 2016. The national MSP reached \$248,300 in October, a 5.4 percent increase. Regionally, sales in the Northeast rose 4.2 percent and the regional MSP jumped 6.6 percent to \$272,800 last month.

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 2016 and 2017.

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## OCTOBER ONLY CHART

October 1-31, 2016 – October 1-31, 2017

	NUMBER OF UNITS			MEDIAN SALES PRICE		
	2016	2017	%Change	2016	2017	%Change
STATEWIDE	1639	1771	8.05%	\$192,500	\$205,000	6.49%

## ROLLING QUARTER CHART

From August 1, 2016 – October 31, 2016 and  
August 1, 2017 – October 31, 2017

County	NUMBER OF UNITS			MEDIAN SALES PRICE		
	2016	2017	%Change	2016	2017	%Change
STATEWIDE	5211	5500	5.55%	\$192,600	\$206,000	6.96%
Androscoggin	320	341	6.56%	\$154,750	\$154,000	-0.48%
Aroostook	186	182	-2.15%	\$85,000	\$83,000	-2.35%
Cumberland	1168	1265	8.3%	\$272,000	\$285,000	4.78%
Franklin	129	151	17.05%	\$135,000	\$130,000	-3.70%
Hancock	262	269	2.67%	\$203,000	\$230,000	13.30%
Kennebec	451	464	2.88%	\$148,000	\$159,450	7.74%
Knox	173	177	2.31%	\$197,500	\$211,000	6.84%
Lincoln	182	174	-4.40%	\$238,250	\$209,250	-12.17%
Oxford	231	245	6.06%	\$153,000	\$150,000	-1.96%
Penobscot	511	533	4.31%	\$137,000	\$140,000	2.19%
Piscataquis	100	105	5.00%	\$89,450	\$106,000	18.50%
Sagadahoc	158	150	-5.06%	\$221,250	\$222,500	0.56%
Somerset	175	185	5.71%	\$119,000	\$116,000	-2.52%
Waldo	142	181	27.46%	\$153,450	\$170,000	10.79%
Washington	102	123	20.59%	\$89,500	\$115,000	28.49%
York	921	955	3.69%	\$250,000	\$269,900	7.96%

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 - Maine Association of REALTORS President-Elect Kim Gleason (McAllister Real Estate) – 621-2345 - kimgleason@myfairpoint.net For more names: suzanne@mainerealtors.com

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## **MAINE HOME SALES UP 11.46 PERCENT IN NOVEMBER**

AUGUSTA (Dec. 20, 2017)— Sales of single-family existing homes increased by double digits last month. According to Maine Listings, Realtors across the state sold 1,576 homes during November, which represents an increase of 11.46 percent from a year ago. The median sales price (MSP) for those homes rose 4.24 percent to \$200,000. The MSP indicates that half of the homes were sold for more and half sold for less.

“The slightly slower pace of winter is a great time to sell and buy real estate,” says Greg Gosselin, Broker/Owner of Gosselin Realty Group in York and 2017 President of the Maine Association of REALTORS®. “Buyers tend to be serious and pre-qualified for mortgage financing. Since fewer homes are coming onto the market during the holidays, sellers who list their homes for sale get added attention for their properties. Homes that are properly prepared, positioned, and priced will sell whether it snows or not.

“Through November, the number of home sales statewide in 2017 has exceeded the best-ever 2016 by 0.6 percent. We’re hoping that strong sales activity in December will push 2017 to claim the number one all-time ranking,” added Gosselin.

The National Association of Realtors reported a 3.2 percent national increase in sales of single-family existing homes across the country. The national MSP rose 5.4 percent to \$248,800. Regionally, sales in the Northeast were up 6.7 percent and the regional MSP rose 4.0 percent to \$273,600.

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 2016 and 2017.

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## NOVEMBER ONLY CHART

November 1-30, 2016 – November 1-30, 2017

	NUMBER OF UNITS			MEDIAN SALES PRICE		
	2016	2017	%Change	2016	2017	%Change
STATEWIDE	1414	1576	11.46%	\$191,863	\$200,000	4.24%

## ROLLING QUARTER CHART

From September 1, 2016 – November 30, 2016 and  
September 1, 2017 – November 30, 2017

County	NUMBER OF UNITS			MEDIAN SALES PRICE		
	2016	2017	%Change	2016	2017	%Change
STATEWIDE	4785	5119	6.98%	\$190,000	\$205,000	7.89%
Androscoggin	302	315	4.30%	\$150,000	\$153,000	2.00%
Aroostook	175	170	-2.86%	\$83,000	\$86,750	4.52%
Cumberland	1078	1164	7.98%	\$265,000	\$279,450	5.45%
Franklin	113	151	33.63%	\$135,000	\$130,000	-3.70%
Hancock	237	245	3.38%	\$218,500	\$234,900	7.51%
Kennebec	409	403	-1.47%	\$149,000	\$152,000	2.01%
Knox	170	184	8.24%	\$222,250	\$202,500	-8.89%
Lincoln	182	173	-4.95%	\$208,400	\$224,900	7.92%
Oxford	232	234	0.86%	\$146,000	\$150,000	2.74%
Penobscot	434	468	7.83%	\$136,650	\$140,000	2.45%
Piscataquis	96	102	6.25%	\$99,000	\$123,724	24.97%
Sagadahoc	122	134	9.84%	\$215,000	\$209,750	-2.44%
Somerset	157	174	10.83%	\$119,000	\$120,000	0.84%
Waldo	144	171	18.75%	\$163,250	\$172,500	5.67%
Washington	96	117	21.88%	\$111,000	\$115,000	3.60%
York	838	914	9.07%	\$250,000	\$269,900	7.96%

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# FEDERAL HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY



## NEWS RELEASE

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For Immediate Release  
December 21, 2017

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

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

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 2016 to October 2017, house prices were up **6.6 percent**.

For the nine census divisions, seasonally adjusted monthly price changes from September 2017 to October 2017 ranged from **-0.4 percent** in the West North Central division to **+2.8 percent** in the East South Central division. The 12-month changes were all positive, ranging from **+4.8 percent** in the West North Central division to **+8.7 percent** in the Pacific 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 2018 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 24, 2018 and will include monthly data through November 2017.

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*The Federal Housing Finance Agency regulates Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac and the 11 Federal Home Loan Banks. These government-sponsored enterprises provide more than \$6.0 trillion in funding for the U.S. mortgage markets and financial institutions.*

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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

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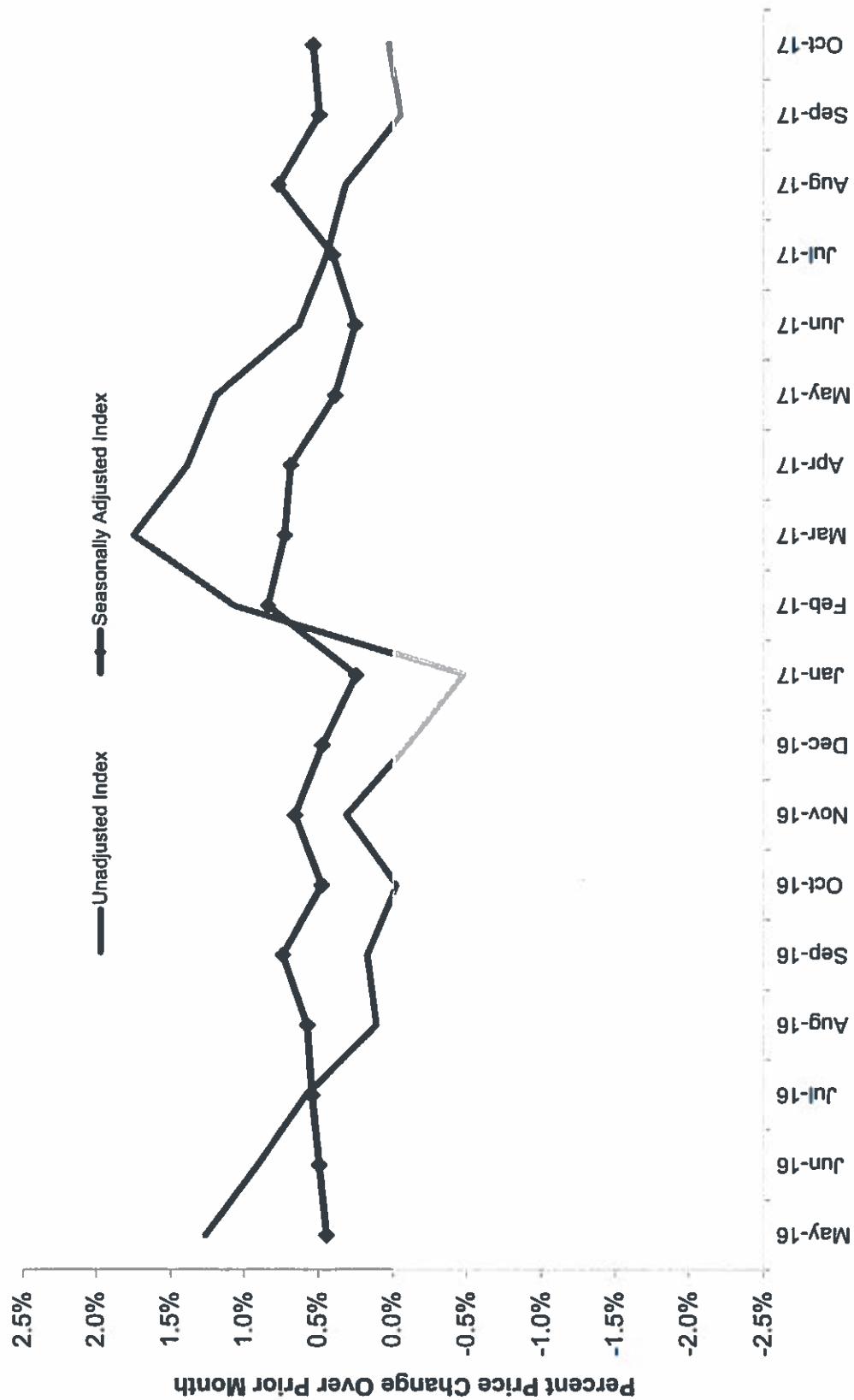
**Table 1: Monthly Price Change Estimates for U.S. and Census Divisions**  
(Purchase-Only Index, Seasonally Adjusted)

	U.S.	Pacific	Mountain	West North Central	West South Central	East North Central	East South Central	New England	Middle Atlantic	South Atlantic
<b>Sep 17 - Oct 17</b>	<b>0.5%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.8%</b>	<b>-0.4%</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>0.6%</b>	<b>2.8%</b>	<b>0.7%</b>	<b>1.2%</b>	<b>0.1%</b>
Aug 17 - Sep 17 (Previous Estimate)	0.5%	0.8%	1.1%	0.7%	0.1%	0.7%	-0.6%	0.5%	0.3%	0.4%
Jul 17 - Aug 17 (Previous Estimate)	0.3%	0.7%	0.8%	0.9%	0.0%	0.6%	-0.4%	0.6%	0.0%	0.1%
Jun 17 - Jul 17 (Previous Estimate)	0.8%	1.5%	0.2%	0.5%	1.2%	0.4%	0.4%	0.3%	0.8%	0.8%
May 17 - Jun 17 (Previous Estimate)	0.8%	1.4%	0.3%	0.5%	1.1%	0.5%	0.5%	0.2%	0.8%	0.8%
Apr 17 - May 17 (Previous Estimate)	0.4%	-0.3%	0.8%	0.0%	-0.1%	0.8%	0.5%	0.5%	0.7%	0.7%
Mar 17 - Apr 17 (Previous Estimate)	0.4%	-0.3%	0.7%	-0.2%	0.0%	0.8%	0.4%	0.5%	0.6%	0.6%
Feb 17 - Mar 17 (Previous Estimate)	0.2%	0.6%	0.4%	0.3%	-0.2%	0.0%	1.3%	0.4%	0.3%	0.0%
Jan 17 - Feb 17 (Previous Estimate)	0.2%	0.5%	0.4%	0.3%	-0.2%	-0.1%	1.1%	0.3%	0.3%	0.0%
Dec 16 - Jan 17 (Previous Estimate)	0.4%	1.0%	0.2%	0.8%	1.0%	0.3%	0.4%	-0.4%	-0.5%	0.2%
Nov 16 - Dec 16 (Previous Estimate)	0.4%	1.0%	0.2%	0.8%	0.9%	0.3%	0.8%	-0.6%	-0.4%	0.2%
<b>12-Month Change:</b>										
Oct 16 - Oct 17	6.6%	8.7%	8.2%	4.8%	5.5%	6.1%	8.2%	5.7%	6.0%	6.2%

**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-17	254.7	294.3	335.4	250.8	269.4	211.3	236.5	243.1	231.5	256.7
September-17	253.3	294.1	332.7	251.7	269.1	210.0	230.0	241.5	228.8	256.4
August-17	252.1	291.7	329.1	249.9	268.8	208.5	231.5	240.1	228.0	255.4
July-17	250.2	287.3	328.5	248.8	265.6	207.6	230.4	239.4	226.3	253.3
June-17	249.2	288.2	325.8	248.9	265.9	205.9	229.4	238.2	224.7	251.6
May-17	248.6	286.5	324.6	248.3	266.3	206.0	226.4	237.3	224.0	251.6
April-17	247.6	283.8	323.9	246.2	263.8	205.4	225.6	238.3	225.0	251.1
March-17	245.9	282.1	320.1	245.9	260.3	205.3	226.3	236.8	223.2	248.2
February-17	244.2	278.2	318.3	243.5	260.0	203.3	226.2	236.5	223.1	245.6
January-17	242.2	276.7	313.8	242.6	258.0	202.0	222.0	232.2	219.7	245.2
December-16	241.6	274.7	313.3	241.9	255.7	201.5	223.9	231.2	220.0	245.0
November-16	240.5	273.4	311.9	241.0	256.4	199.8	221.1	230.9	221.3	242.6
October-16	238.9	270.6	309.9	239.3	255.5	199.2	218.5	230.0	218.3	241.8
September-16	237.8	269.7	306.1	238.5	254.1	198.1	219.2	227.5	218.0	240.6
August-16	236.0	265.9	303.9	237.0	252.1	197.3	218.4	227.3	217.0	238.3
July-16	234.7	264.9	301.5	237.3	250.6	195.6	216.7	224.9	216.3	237.0
June-16	233.5	262.9	300.5	234.3	249.1	194.9	214.6	224.6	215.7	236.1
May-16	232.3	262.5	298.9	233.7	248.0	193.5	214.7	224.0	214.9	233.9

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



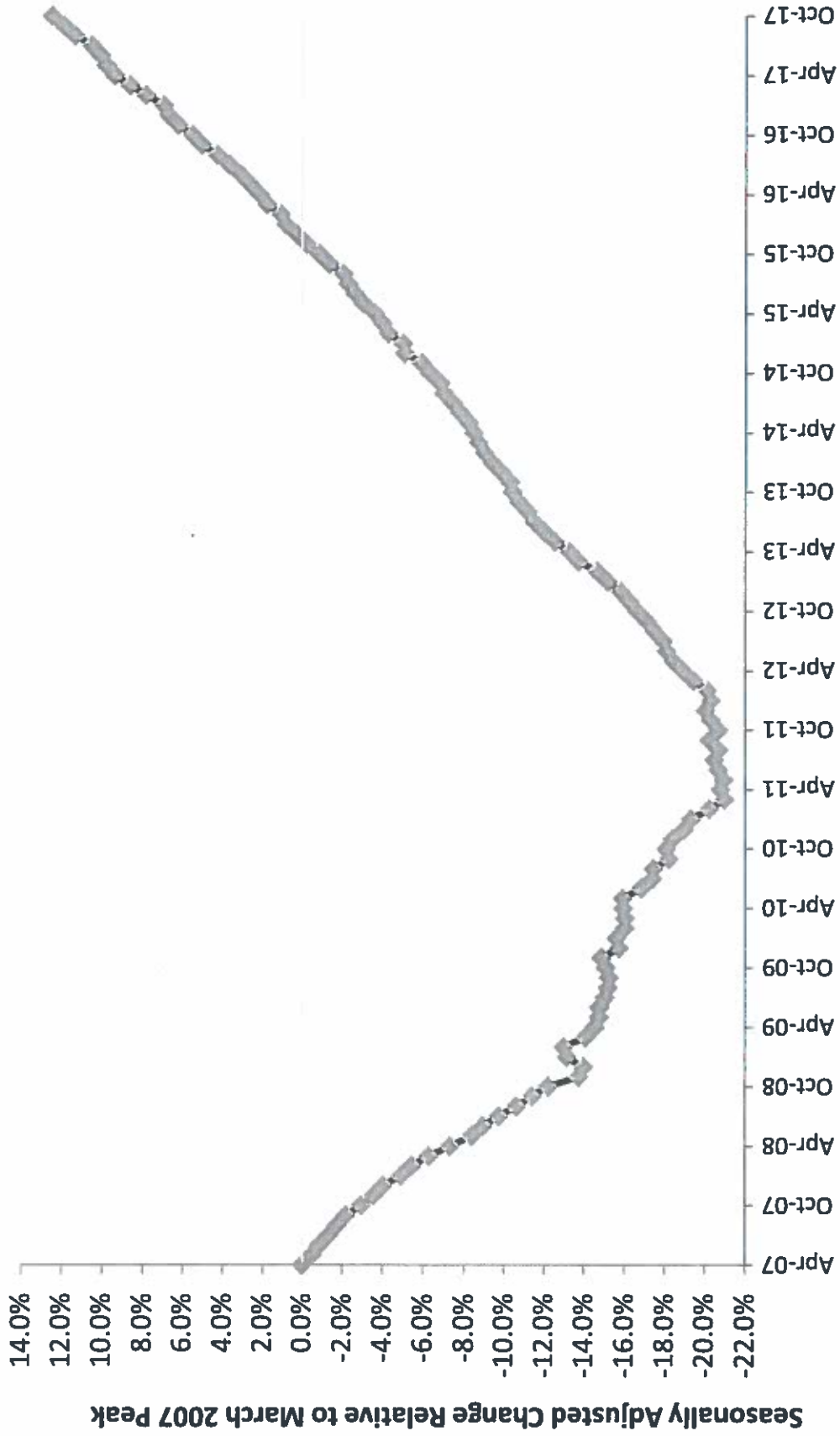
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## Purchase-Only, Seasonally Adjusted Index, January 1991 - Present



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

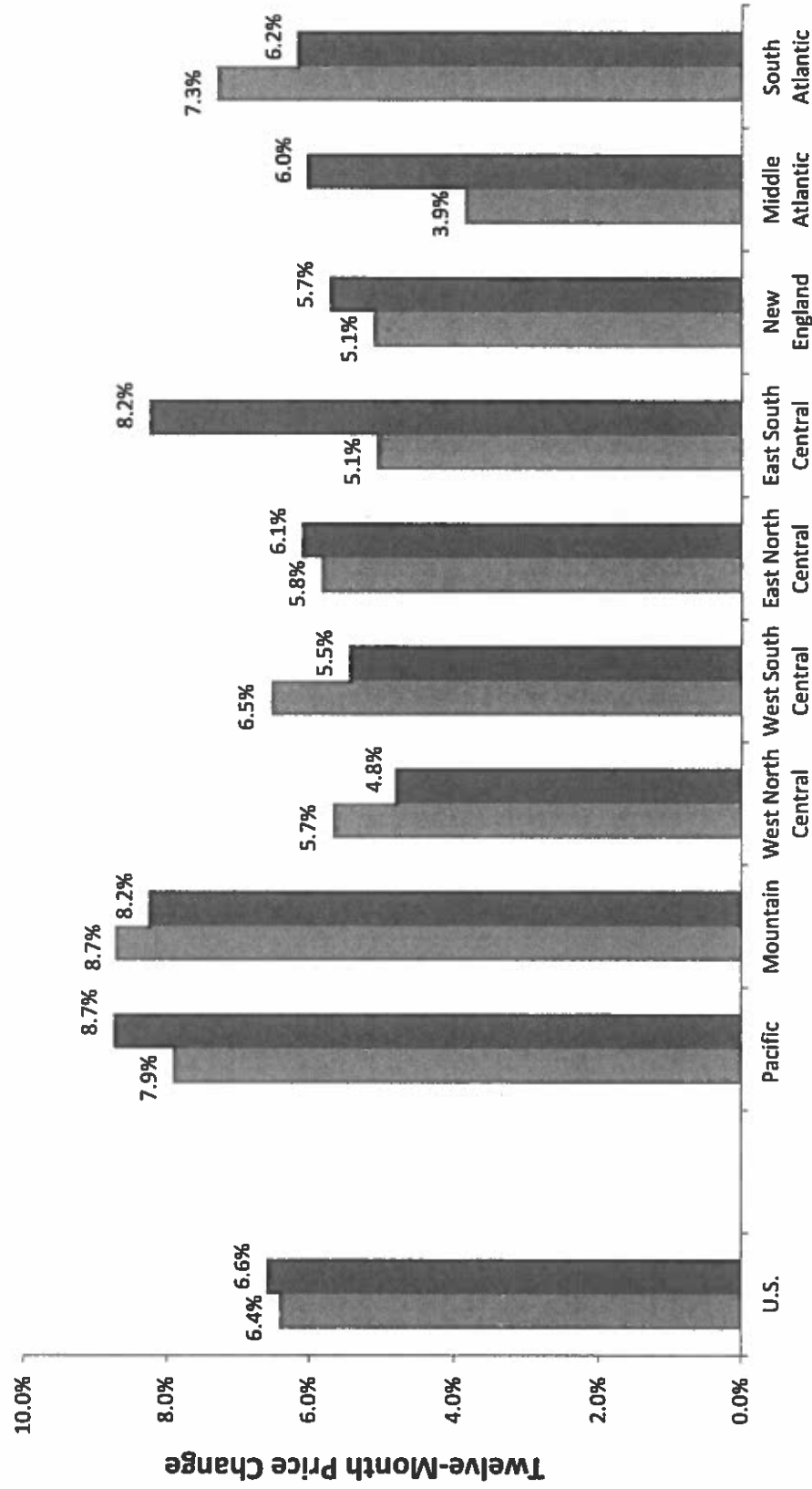
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Source: FHFA

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

■ Price Change: 10/2015 - 10/2016    ■ Price Change: 10/2016 - 10/2017



Source: FHFA



January 16, 2018

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

Dear Mark:

Thank you for "unplugging" the two drains  
at the end of my driveway on 1120 Chase Road,

Sorry you got so wet. You went above and  
beyond your duty.

Very truly yours,



Barbara C. Galen

1120 Chase Road  
Veazie, Maine 04401-6910

207 735-6754 C.

207 990-1326 LL





## Act Out with Aislinn

Finding adventures in the Maine wilderness



**Winter is here. So is Charlie's Subaru.**



## 6 easy snowshoe spots in Maine, great for beginners

January 2, 2018 1-Minute Adventures, Field Notes

By Aislinn Sarnacki

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It's been beyond cold recently, and with that kind of cold, it's tough to think about having fun outdoors. I get it. I'm right there with you. Cold snaps like this can be downright dangerous. But the weather forecast for this week predicts the state "warming up" to at least the 20s, so in my opinion, it's time to bust out the snowshoes and finally enjoy the snow.

There are plenty of places to go snowshoeing in Maine. Many hiking trails are accessible and perfect for the activity, but it's important that when planning a snowshoe trip, you keep a few things in mind. First of all, not all hiking trails are accessible in the winter because some Maine roads and parking areas are not plowed. Second, if a trail isn't marked well on trees, above the reach of snow, then it can be difficult to follow in the winter. And third, people generally snowshoe much slower than they hike, so keep that in mind when selecting the trail. For me, a 3-mile snowshoe on a small mountain is a nice workout.

The following are six locations that are great for short, fairly easy snowshoe treks in Maine. These locations are accessible during the winter, include some moderately challenging hills and the trails are well-marked and maintained.

## 1. Indian Point Blagden Preserve on Mount Desert Island

Located on the western side of Mount Desert Island, on the Indian Point peninsula, Indian Point Blagden Preserve features old forests and more than 1,000 feet of rocky shore on Western Bay. The forests, dominated by red spruce, northern white cedar and balsam fir, were untouched by the Great Fires of 1947, a series of forest fires that burned nearly 17,000 acres on MDI.

The preserve is home to three trails: the 1.3-mile Big Woods Trail, which leaves from the parking area, and the shorter Shore and Fern, both located at the end of the Big Woods Trail. All three trails travel over fairly even terrain, though the Big Woods Trail does descend gradually as it nears the shoreline. Dogs are not permitted.



## 2. Young Tunk Mountain in Cherryfield

A bald-topped hill in Cherryfield known locally as Young Tunk Mountain has long been a place for area residents to hike and pick wild blueberries. Local children who have climbed the hill call its granite summit the "Top of the World" because it provides wide open views of their towns below. The trail leading to its summit is just 0.67 mile long and was created by Savage Bloomer as his Eagle Scout project on his family's property. This trail is open to the public and makes for a great

snowshoe trek. Out and back, the hike is about 1.4 miles and includes some steady climbing that will get your heart pumping. Dogs are permitted if kept under control at all times.



### **3. McPhetres Farm Forest in Veazie**

Owned by the Town of Veazie, the 25-acre McPhetres Farm Forest contains a network of well-marked walking trails that are open to the public year round. The quiet property is great for dog walking, trail running and snowshoeing. It's also a good place for wildlife watching and birding. Altogether, the trails add up to a little less than 1.5 miles, and they're marked with colorful trail markers posted on tree trunks, making it difficult to lose your way. The forest is fairly hilly, so expect a few short uphill climbs. Educational signs are located throughout the trail network so people can learn about forest management and natural features, such as cavity trees and ant mounds. Also posted throughout the forest are trail maps that show you where you are in the trail network. Dogs are permitted.







#### **4. Silver Lake Trails in Bucksport**

Silver Lake Trails is a 67-acre park that features 2 miles of community trails that lead to the shores of Silver Lake. The park's six intersecting trails, which combined equal about 2 miles in length, are Peninsula Trail (0.45 mile), Shore Trail (0.82 mile), Campsite Trail (0.62 mile), Cross Trail (0.03 mile), Landing Trail (0.05 mile) and Field Trail (0.38 mile). A colorful map of the trail network is on display at the parking area. The trails are wide and well-marked with various colors of paint, and while some sections are extremely rocky and covered with tangles of exposed roots, this won't be a problem when snow is covering the ground. Dogs are permitted.



#### **5. Lake George Regional Park in Canaan**

The 520-acre Lake George Regional Park is home to a vast network of trails and features 10,000 feet of shoreline. A busy spot in the summer, the park is a big quiet in the winter, though it's the ideal spot for snowshoeing, skiing and when the ice is safe, ice fishing and ice skating. The many trails in the park make up about 10 miles over fairly even terrain. Most recommended loop hikes are less than 2 miles. And while pets are prohibited May through September, they're welcome in the park during the winter. Just be sure to clean up after them.

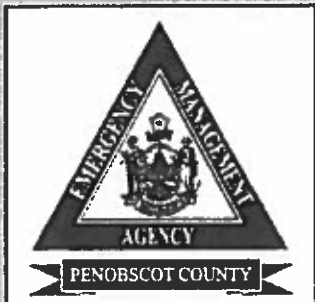


## 6. Pleasant Lake Preserve in Stetson

In 2010, Kent Hewitt donated a 100-acre wooded peninsula on Pleasant Lake to the Sebec Regional Land Trust, as well as a 50-acre wetland adjacent to the property. The land had long been enjoyed by boaters, fishermen, hunters and hikers, and he wanted to ensure public access well into the future. Now called Pleasant Lake Preserve, the property features two trails: a 1.4-mile trail that ends at Pleasant Lake, and a 0.4-mile side trail marked in yellow. Expect hills and uneven terrain as you follow the wide, well-marked trails. The preserve is open to hunting, fishing and non-motorized recreation, such as hiking, wildlife watching and skiing. Dogs are permitted.







# Penobscot EMA

## What's new???

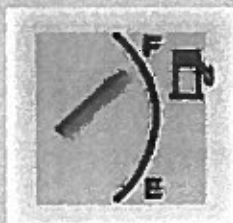
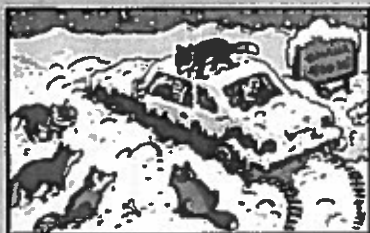
Newsletter: Winter 2018

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### Winter Safety Tip

Keep your gas tank close to full.



Before heading out ensure you  
have plenty of gas.

### Homeland Security Funding— Supporting The City of Bangor's Fire Training Facility

For many years the City of Bangor's Fire Training Facility served as the primary training site for firefighters in the Penobscot County regions and beyond. Strategically located on the 1-95 corridor in Bangor, this facility is easily accessible to many fire departments.

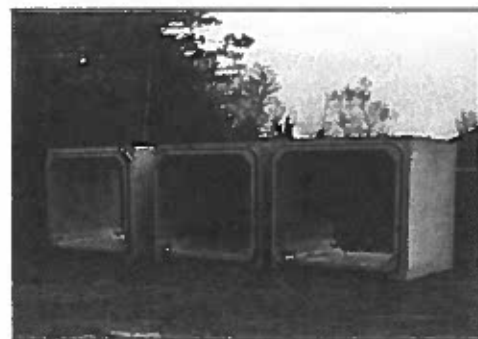


#### The facility hosts the following:

- 2 story burn building with 4 search rooms
- Below grade mock up with trench box
- LPG fire props
- Fire extinguisher training props
- 6000 gallon drafting tank for pump testing
- Classroom with seating for 24 students
- Bathroom facility
- Fire hydrant with 800 gpm flow
- Adequate space for fire apparatus

Bangor's facility was originally built in 1987-1988. As part of the multi-phase upgrade plan, the original drafting tank, which has been in service for nearly 30 years, is being replaced with the support of Department of Homeland Security Funding—more specifically a portion of the Penobscot County allocation. This request was supported by the grant review board as a true regional project for many departments to benefit from.

The new 8,000 gallon concrete replacement tank is better suited for testing today's fire apparatus with larger capacity pumps. The old tank was leaking water, was undersized for 1500 gpm pumps and often was difficult to get accurate test results the way it was set up. This new drafting tank will be an asset for many fire departments when they complete their annual certification testing.





## October 2017 Windstorm—Lessons Learned

The October 29/30 storm was a severe storm that affected the entire State of Maine with severe wind damages and extensive power outages. Nearly 500,000 power outages were reported state wide—more than the Ice Storm of 1998!

Early on, County Emergency Management requested communities to begin compiling data and complete the Form 7's- a damage assessment form for public and individual damages. The goal was to see if we could reach or exceed our County threshold of a little under \$600K, as we all knew this storm was going to have a large impact. Our initial numbers had us exceeding our threshold and the State also met its threshold. This is the first step in a multi-step/stage process.

During the week of November 13th, FEMA representatives were in the State of Maine doing their preliminary damage assessments of public damages. In Penobscot County, EMA & Maine Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) officials brought them to the communities that reported the highest amounts of damages so they could collect data/documentation to validate. Our intent was for them to confirm, initially, that we reached our threshold and could be included in the request for a Presidential Disaster Declaration.

We received the news that Penobscot County did reach our threshold. Governor Paul LePage approved our request and has submitted the request to The President of the United States for a Disaster Declaration for Maine and 3 counties.

When the President signs the request that means that FEMA will schedule to return to Maine to meet with all communities who had damages. This will be more detailed than the preliminary meetings we conducted and they will require all documentation to support the Form 7 figures. We are anticipating to hear mid-January, 2018.

Let me share with you what supporting documentation FEMA requested in the preliminary community assessments phase. This documentation will be requested again if your community put forth a Form 7 of damages during the storm. You may not have all of these items, but make copies of what you do have and keep with you.

- pay slips for employees during the storm (overtime for emergency protective measures, regular time for debris removal)
- invoices for all costs associated with the storm (including community shelters)
- policy's on procurement and/or bid processes
- insurance deductibles for public damage if applicable
- photos, photos and more photos
- for debris removal- this is for debris in the public right of way, not homeowners properties
- photos of trees down in roadways
- documentation of where debris was picked up (lat/long if possible)
- documentation of where debris may have been chipped
- Size of trucks hauling debris, how many loads per day, etc.
- size of the trees
- "cradle to grave" is the phrase they gave when it comes to debris removal

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## October 2017 Windstorm—Lessons Learned

Here are some safety messages that we can all share on our social media pages or with our residents during events.

Citizens are reminded of the following:

Ensure generators and alternate heat sources are in good working condition and properly installed and located in a well-ventilated area.

Use caution when operating chainsaws for debris removal and wear personal protective equipment and/or work with experienced tree-removal services.

Those who have been without power for several days should discard food that has not been stored at the proper temperature (refrigerator 40 degrees or below; freezer zero degrees or below).

Hunters are reminded that utility crews are working in remote areas and to use extreme caution.

Avoid approaching utility crews to ask questions as it slows the restoration process and may pose safety risks.

Document all damage costs to property for insurance and other assistance purposes.

Other helpful information:

Those seeking assistance should first contact their insurance company. Residents are also encouraged to contact their municipal General Assistance Officer regarding General Assistance that may be available under 22 M.R.S.A. § 4308: "A municipality may provide emergency assistance when the municipality determines that an emergency is imminent and that failure to provide assistance may result in undue hardship and unnecessary costs (22 M.R.S.A. § 4308(2))." We note two sections in the statute:

"emergency" is defined as, "any life threatening situation or a situation beyond the control of the individual which, if not alleviated immediately, could reasonably be expected to pose a threat to the health or safety of a person( 22 M.R.S.A. § 4301(4))" and;

a person who does not have sufficient resources to provide one or more basic necessities in an emergency is eligible for emergency general assistance, even when that applicant has been found ineligible for nonemergency general assistance because the applicant's income exceeds the municipalities standard of need (22 M.R.S.A. § 4308(2)).

Penobscot County does plan on hosting trainings in the early part of 2018- We will have a Form 7 public and individual damage assessment review/training. We have also requested FEMA to come and offer a 2 day Debris Management Course in the Bangor area. EMA will certainly keep you posted on all trainings as well as updates on the disaster declaration.

Michelle Tanguay, Director



## Drone use Reaches “Landmark Level” in Harvey Disaster Response

After Hurricane Harvey made landfall in Texas, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) issued 127 authorizations for emergency drone use. This is an unprecedented number for such an event, and experts in both the unmanned aerial system (UAS) industry and disaster response believe this will usher in a new era of such use in disasters.

Examples of UAS use in Harvey recovery include energy and water companies inspecting their facilities and pipelines, insurance companies remotely inspecting damage and government agencies using them to inspect roads, bridges, and levees. Much of this work was contracted with UAS companies to complete.

First responders used UAS in search and rescue, 3D mapping, and to identify hazards or structural damage before sending personnel into questionable areas. According to this report from ABC, more than 300 state and local agencies across the country have UAS programs. Using a drone is around 400 times cheaper than having a helicopter in the air, a very strong advantage for small governments and first responder departments who are already strapped for funding.

During a disaster, it is important to make a distinction between UAS used for official response and recovery efforts and hobbyist activity, of which there was plenty in Texas. There were also many civilians with UAS that wanted to help without being a sanctioned member of a response entity. Unapproved UAS use in a disaster zone is hazardous to all other aircraft in operation; jurisdictions need to decide how they will handle these issues well before a disaster strikes.

(Source: FAA)



## Preparing for and Responding to Chemical Threats

Chemical threats are one of the most deadly faced by first responders. Your department should know the chemicals used by industries in your jurisdiction, the dangers they pose, the layout of the facilities and you should run regular drills and exercises to prepare for accidents, fires, spills or man-made threats. There are a number of resources available to assist you with these tasks.

The Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards (CFATS) program identifies and regulates high-risk chemical facilities to ensure they have security measures in place to reduce risks. First responders can utilize some of these resources. DHS released “Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards: The Role of Emergency Responders” to provide CFATS information and resource recommendations to first responders. Departments should check out:

- The Infrastructure Protection Gateway, an interface for all levels of government and private sector partners to identify, analyze and manage risk.
- CFATS Knowledge Center, an online repository of CFATS information.
- Free training available to the Sector, such as the monthly Virtual Table Top Exercise (VTTX) program through the Emergency Management Institute.
- The Emergency Services Sector-Sector Specific Agency ([essteam@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:essteam@hq.dhs.gov)) and the Emergency Management and Response – Information Sharing and Analysis Center, which push important information to the Sector.

In addition, there are chemical security inspectors available regionally to assist you to identify CFATS facilities and plan for incidents involving chemicals used there. To contact your regional inspector, call 1-866-323-2957 or email [csat@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:csat@hq.dhs.gov). (Source: CFATS) [www.dhs.gov/chemical-facility-anti-terrorism-standards](http://www.dhs.gov/chemical-facility-anti-terrorism-standards)

## NIMS Tools for Mutual aid, Credentialing, Inventory and Resource Typing

For those organizations working to get up-to-speed with the recent refresh of the National Incident Management System (NIMS), the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) released several resources and guides on mutual aid, credentialing, inventorying and resource typing.

- The NIMS Guideline for Mutual Aid provides common practice and process for mutual aid planning and guidance on legal agreements and operational plans.
- The NIMS Resource Typing Library Tool is the online catalog of all definitions and job titles/position qualifications released by FEMA.
- The NIMS Guideline for the Credentialing of Personnel covers the established minimum criteria and qualifications individuals must meet for specific jobs.
- The Incident Resource Inventory System is a free software tool for resource inventory and management using NIMS resource typing definitions.

NIMS provides a common, nationwide format for the whole community to work together to manage all incidents, threats and hazards regardless of cause, size, location or complexity. FEMA released the updated NIMS last month.

(Source: FEMA)

[www.fema.gov/resource-management-mutual-aid](http://www.fema.gov/resource-management-mutual-aid)

**Preparations are now underway for our 10th Annual Maine Partners in Emergency Preparedness Conference.**  
**Save the Date: April 24 and 25, 2018!**



We are seeking breakout session presenters. Please review the [Guidelines for Topic Proposals](#). Please send us an email with your name and contact information so we can contact you for the necessary information at: [Conference Organizers](#). Or give us a call at 207-624-4400

## Updated Emergency Management Requirements for Medical Facilities

The Joint Commission announced updates to its emergency management requirements for health care organizations, effective November 15, 2017. These changes affect accredited deemed status health care organizations, rural health clinics and federally qualified health centers.

The updates include many new or revised elements of performance (EPs) that cover such things as continuity of operations, succession plans, documentation of collaboration with emergency management officials, and annual training for all staff, contractors and volunteers.

The changes address the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services final rule on emergency preparedness, which also goes into effect this month.

(Source: Joint Commission)

[www.jointcommission.org](http://www.jointcommission.org)



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| * Shovel                     | * Emergency flares and reflectors                   |
| * Kitty Litter               | * Duct Tape   |
| * Windshield scrapper        | * Empty Gas Can                                     |
| * Flashlight/extra batteries | * Small tool kit                                    |
| * Battery powered radio      | * Extra clothing, hat, gloves, socks, sweater, etc. |
| * Perishable snack foods     |   |
| * Duct Tape                  |   |
| * Blanket (s)                |   |
| * First Aid Kit              |   |
| * Booster cables             |   |
| * Fluorescent distress flag  |   |
| * Cell Phone car charger     |   |
| * Tire chains/tow strap      |   |



## Training Opportunities

**Annual Tier II Workshop:** Presented by: MEMA

**Registration:** email [Maine.serc@maine.gov](mailto:Maine.serc@maine.gov) to register for a specific workshop.

**Dates, Locations & Times:** See list below.

This workshop will be offered at the following dates, times, and locations. Please take advantage of this training and register early or **at least 10 business days** prior to the scheduled date.

**Brewer:** January 10, 2018

Jeff's Catering, 15 Littlefield Way

Time: 8:30-11:30 am

**Augusta:** January 17, 2018

Augusta Civic Center, 76 Community Dr.

Time: 8:30-11:30 am

**Portland:** January 24, 2018

81 Riverside Street

Time: 12:30 -3:30 pm

**Adobe Connect (online training):** January 31, 2018

Time: 9:00 -12:00 pm Faith will send out log in information to those who sign up for it.

### **Instructional Presentation & Evaluation Skills (GI41)**

**Date:** January 23-25, 2018—Selection Criteria based on EM training responsibilities at the local county/state level.

**Location:** MEMA 45 Commerce Drive, Augusta, ME

**Time:** 8:15am - 4:30 pm—Lunch is provided.

**Register Contact:** Mike Grant 800-452-8735 or 624-4460 or fax 287-3178 (FEMA application required)

[michael.f.grant@maine.gov](mailto:michael.f.grant@maine.gov)

### **Emergency Exercise Design (GI39)**

**Date:** February 14 & 15, 2018

**Location:** Waldo County Regional EOC/Training Facility, 4 Public Way, Belfast, ME

**Time:** 8:15am - 4:30 pm—Lunch is provided.

**Register Contact:** MEMA Training Coordinator at: 1-800-452-8735, or fax 287-3178 (FEMA application required)

#### **FEMA: Standard Training Application 119-25-1**

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

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

## *Stay Informed*

Today, we have access to more information, more quickly, than ever before. Sometimes it can be a challenge to make sure what you are hearing is *official*.

Make sure you have the best available information to make good decisions for yourself, your family, your business and your community.

Remember weather can change in an instant in the winter or anytime.

- ✓ Learn how your community will alert you about emergencies.
- ✓ Subscribe to alert services through email, text or phone apps.
- ✓ Make sure what you are reading or hearing is accurate. Call a local, county or state official for confirmation.
- ✓ Identify local evacuation routes, warming shelters, and regional shelters.
- ✓ Learn about school, community and work emergency plans.
- ✓ Keep your emergency information current.