



**Veazie Town Council**

**Regular Meeting**

**May 7th, 2018 at 6:30 PM**

**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 April 23rd, 2018 Regular Council Meeting minutes
- ITEM 6:** Comments from the Public

**New Business:**

- ITEM 7:** Public Hearing on FY 2018/2019 Budget
- ITEM 8:** Citizen Involvement Appointment
- ITEM 9:** Monthly Financial Review

**Old Business:**

- ITEM 10:** Executive Session per 1 M.R.S.A section 405 (6) (A) to discuss a personnel matter
- ITEM 11:** Manager's Report
- ITEM 12:** Comments from the Public
- ITEM 13:** Requests for information and Town Council Comments
- ITEM 14:** Review & Sign of AP Town Warrant # 21. Town Payroll #22 and #22A. School Payroll Warrant #22 and AP School Warrant #22.
- ITEM 15:** Adjournment

Chris Bagley  
16 Silver Ridge  
cbagley@veazie.net

Paul Messer  
1010 School St.  
249-1361

Michael Reid  
14 Prouty Dr.  
573-1300

Jeff Manter  
3 Prouty Dr.  
991-7612

**Veazie Town Council Meeting  
April 23rd, 2018**

**Members Present:** Chairman Chris Bagley, Councilor Paul Messer, Councilor Michael Reid, Councilor Jeff Manter, Town Manager Mark Leonard, Council Secretary Julie Strout, Budget Committee Members Judy Horten, William Hogan and Jon Plummer, Phil Ruck from SEE and various members of the public.

**ITEM 1: Call to order**

Chairman Bagley called the meeting to order at 5:00PM.

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

All present

**ITEM 3: Pledge of Allegiance**

**ITEM 4: Consideration of the Agenda**

None.

**ITEM 5: Approval of the April 9th, 2018 Regular Council Meeting Minutes.**

Councilor Michael Reid made a motion, seconded by Councilor Paul Messer to approve the April 9th, 2018 Regular Council Meeting Minutes as written. Voted 4-0-0. Motion carried.

**ITEM 6: Comments from the Public**

None.

**New Business:**

**ITEM 7: Executive Session per 1 M.R.S.A section 405 (6) (A) to discuss a Personnel Matter**

Councilor Jeff Manter made a motion, seconded by Councilor Paul Messer to enter into Executive Session per 1 M.R.S.A 405(6) (A) to discuss a personnel matter at 5:02pm. Voted 4-0-0. Motion carried.

Councilor Paul Messer made a motion, seconded by Councilor Jeff Manter to exit the Executive Session at 5:47pm. Voted 4-0-0. Motion carried.

**ITEM 8: FY 2018/2019 Budget Review**

Council reviewed the FY 2018/2019 Budget with the Budget Committee.

Councilor Jeff Manter made a motion, seconded by Councilor Michael Reid to approve the FY 2018/2019 budget as presented and prepare it for the public hearing which is scheduled for May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Voted 4-0-0. Motion carried.

**ITEM 9: Quitclaim Deed**

Councilor Paul Messer made a motion, seconded by Councilor Jeff Manter to execute a Municipal Quitclaim Deed conveying any interest the Town has in and to the property located at 1016 Olive Street, Veazie, Maine to Derek Sinclair. Voted 4-0-0. Motion carried.

**ITEM 10: Discussion with Stillwater Environmental Engineering (SEE)**

Mr. Ruck was present at 6:16pm and reviewed his memo in reference to the Ballymote Crossing Cluster Subdivision which was included in the packet for review.

Manager Leonard commented that our past practice has been to accept roads, the difference with this is the storm water management and where it's in a priority water shed. There should be some sort of agreement with either the Condo Association or the Home Owners Association that covers the cost of the annual inspection and the maintenance of these. He believes that the developer is in agreement and he feels personally this is how we should proceed.

The Councilor's were all in tentative agreeance with accepting ownership of the road right-of-way and leaving it up to the association to take responsibility of all other storm water management BMP's located outside of the right-of-way including the roof dripline filter beds, USF's, etc., but final decision will have to come after planning board review and recommendation.

**ITEM 11: Marijuana Moratorium**

Councilor Paul Messer made a motion, seconded by Councilor Jeff Manter to approve the moratorium ordinance as presented. Voted 4-0-0. Motion carried.

**ITEM 12: Manager's Report**

Manager Leonard reviewed his report with the Councilor's.

**ITEM 13: Comments from the Public**

Resident Andy Brown asked about the Spring cleanup day and leaf and brush pick up. Manager Leonard believes the spring cleanup will be on May 12<sup>th</sup> and hoping by Thurs. April 26<sup>th</sup> he would have a date for the leaf and brush pick up.

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

None.

**ITEM 15: Review & sign of AP Town Warrant #19 & #20, Town Payroll #21, School Payroll Warrant #21 and AP School Warrant #21.**

The warrants were circulated and signed.

**ITEM 16: Adjournment**

Councilor Paul Messer motioned to adjourn.

Councilor Jeff Manter seconded. No discussion. Voted 4-0-0. Motion carried.

Adjourned at 6:28pm

True Copy Attest

Julie Strout, Deputy Clerk

# **Agenda Items For May 7, 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:** Council will take public comments on the FY 2018/2019 Budget.

**Suggested Motion (IN):** I move we go into public hearing on the FY 2018/2019 Budget

**Suggested Motion (OUT):** I motion we come out of Public Hearing

**Suggested Motion (Approval):** I motion we approve the FY 2018/2019 Budget as presented and prepare it for the Town Meeting scheduled for June 12, 2018

**ITEM 8:** Council will review a Citizen involvement application

**Suggested Motion:** I move we approve the citizen involvement application and appoint Michael Smart to the Historical Committee for a term of (3) years.

**ITEM 9:** Council will review the financials year to date

**ITEM 10:** Council will go into executive session to discuss a personnel matter

**Suggested Motion (IN):** I motion we go into executive session per 1 M.R.S.A section 405 (6) (A) to discuss a personnel matter

**Suggested Motion (OUT):** I motion we move out of executive session and return to regular session

To: Town Council  
CC: Budget Committee  
From: Mark Leonard  
Date: April 24, 2018  
Re: FY 2018-2019 Budget Statement Summary

**ITEM # 7**

On April 23, 2018 members of the Council and Budget Committee met for a final review of the proposed FY 18/19 budget. The purpose of this meeting was to approve the numbers for the public hearing notice regarding the proposed budget. The public hearing is scheduled for May 7, 2018 at 6:30 PM at the Council Chambers located at the Municipal Building.

Prior to the meeting you were provided with a copy of the final proposed budgets for both the Municipal and School Departments which had been previously approved by the Budget Committee. Included in the packet were summary sheets for both the proposed Municipal and School Budget.

The proposed Municipal Budget shows an increase of \$95,547.76 and the School Budget shows a decrease of approximately \$45,722.08 from monies requested in FY 17/18. The School assessment to the Town will increase by approximately \$208,294.09 from what was requested in FY 17/18.

All Departments have met with the Budget Committee and upon completion of these meetings, the following proposed budgets have been approved unanimously by both the Council and the Budget Committee.

**Proposed Municipal Expenses:**

Department	Budget Amt.	Increase / Decrease Amt.
Executive	\$331,340.00	\$20,290.00
Police	\$354,300.00	\$9,400.00
Fire	\$245,650.00	\$14,350.00
Recreation	\$5,000.00	-\$7,500.00
Community Investment	\$33,700.00	\$3,700.00
Capital	\$219,000.00	\$4,000.00
Reserve	\$69,500.00	\$5,000.00
Fixed Cost	\$491,080.00	\$10,600.00
Mandatory	\$1,405,531.00	\$35,707.85
Education	\$2,974,341.00	-\$208,294.00
<b>Total Proposed Expenses:</b>	<b>\$6,129,442.00</b>	<b>\$303,841.85</b>

**Proposed Municipal Revenue:**

Description	Budget Amt.	Increase / Decrease Amt.
Municipal Revenue	\$111,267.00	\$0.00
Other Revenue	\$545,080.00	\$70,870.00
RE Tax Commitment*	\$2,638,233.00	\$122,265.56
PP Tax Commitment*	\$2,741,232.00	\$109,951.98
Homestead Reimbursement*	\$84,935.00	\$696.31
BETE*	\$8,695.00	\$61.00
<b>Total Proposed Revenues:</b>	<b>\$6,129,442.00</b>	<b>\$303,841.85</b>

\*Place holder only. Number will not be finalized until taxes are committed.

**Proposed School Budget:**

<b>Department</b>	<b>Budget Amt.</b>	<b>Increase / Decrease Amt.</b>
Regular Instruction	\$2,147,288.89	\$105,375.72
Special Ed Instruction	\$877,276.22	\$198,297.87
CTE Instruction	\$0.00	-\$25,080.47
Other Instruction	\$38,037.00	\$1,942.36
Student and Staff Support	\$198,726.48	-\$9,501.90
System Administration	\$132,948.81	-\$7,028.73
School Administration	\$117,239.36	\$12,722.84
Transportation	\$132,000.00	-\$11,300.00
Facilities Management	\$367,700.00	-\$41,984.65
Debt Service	\$0.00	-\$269,165.12
Other (School lunch)	\$40,000.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Proposed Expenses:</b>	<b>\$4,051,216.76</b>	<b>-\$45,722.08</b>

**Proposed School Revenue:**

<b>Description</b>	<b>Budget Amt.</b>	<b>Increase / Decrease Amt.</b>
State Allocation	\$576,875.61	-\$187,554.17
State Debt Service	\$0.00	-\$268,297.00
State SRRF Project Share	\$0.00	-\$29,925
Prior Year Balance	\$500,000.00	\$230,000.00
Local Allocation	\$1,972,618.00	\$77,109.50
Local w/o State Participation	\$1,001,723.15	\$131,184.59
<b>Total Proposed Revenues:</b>	<b>\$4,051,216.76</b>	<b>-\$47,482.08</b>

In closing, with the proposed budget and the projected revenues, Assessor Birch and I project the mil rate will increase from 0.01815 to 0.01830 or approximately \$.15 cents per \$1,000.00. This mil rate and small of an increase is very reasonable in comparison to surrounding communities. I believe we are only able to achieve this because of the hard work and dedication that has gone into crafting this budget. Overall the Town of Veazie is in good fiscal shape.

# Town of Veazie

## Budget Request FY 2018 - 2019

### Account 100 Executive Department Summary

05-02-2018

Date

Prior Year And Anticipated Need For The Coming Year	Prior Year	Anticipated
	\$311,050.00	\$331,340.00

Proposed Budget	Manager's Request	Budget Comm. Approved	Council Approved	Increase (Decrease)
	\$331,340.00	\$331,340.00	\$331,340.00	\$20,290.00

The Executive Department is requesting \$20,290.00 more than the requested funds last year. Below is a breakdown of the increases and decreases for this account. They are as follows:

#### Decreases:

Workers Comp: \$100.00

Maine State Retirement: \$1,800.00

**Total: \$1,900.00**

#### Increases:

Town Manager: \$1,000.00

Deputy Clerk: \$900.00

Asst. Clerk: \$11,900.00

Assessor: \$500.00

Code Enforcement: \$500.00

TRIO License: \$1,440.00

Registration Expense: \$250.00

Health Insurance: \$2,000.00

Retirement: \$1,000.00

Communications \$1,000.00

FICA/MED: \$1,250.00

Election Workers: \$200.00

Annual Report: \$50.00

Legal Fees: \$200.00

**Total: \$22,190.00**

**Overall Difference= \$20,290.00**

# Town of Veazie

## Budget Request FY 2018-2019

### 200 Accounts Police Department Summary

05-01-2018  
Date

Prior Year And Anticipated Need For The Coming Year	Prior Year	Anticipated
	\$344,900.00	\$354,300.00

Proposed Budget	Manager's Requested	Budget Comm. Approved	Council Approved	Increase (Decrease)
	\$354,300.00	\$354,300.00	\$354,300.00	\$9,400.00

The Police Department is requesting a \$9,400.00 increase from the requested funds last year. Below is a breakdown of the increases and decreases for this account. They are as follows:

**Decreases:**

Health Insurance: \$2,000.00

Workers Comp: \$100.00

**Total: \$2,100.00**

**Increases:**

Police Chief: \$1,000.00

Communications: \$500.00

Patrol Salaries: \$5,000.00

Fuel: \$2,000.00

FICA/ Med: \$2,500.00

Animal Control: \$500.00

**Total: \$11,500.00**

**Overall Difference= \$9,400.00 increase**



# Town of Veazie

## Budget Request FY 2018-2019

### 300 Accounts Fire Department Summary

Date: 05-01-2018

Prior Year And Anticipated Need For The Coming Year	Prior Year	Anticipated
	\$231,300.00	\$245,650.00

Proposed Budget	Manager's Requested Amount	Budget Comm. Approved Amount	Council Approved Amount	Increase (Decrease)
	\$245,650.00	\$245,650.00	\$245,650.00	\$14,350.00

The Fire Department is requesting a \$14,350.00 increase from the requested funds last year. Below is a breakdown of the increases and decreases for this account. They are as follows:

**Increases:**

Day Coverage: \$3,850.00	Fuel: \$500.00
Call Firefighters: \$800.00	Communications: \$400.00
FICA/MEDI: \$300.00	Annual Physical: \$1,200.00
Workers Comp: \$1,200.00	Maint. Cont.: \$800.00
Health Insurance: \$1,500.00	Engine 192: \$200.00
ME State Retire: \$2,900.00	Dues and Subscriptions: \$100.00
Issued Equipment: \$500.00	Training Material: \$100.00

**Total: \$14,350.00**

**Overall Difference= \$14,350.00 Increase**

**Town of Veazie**  
*Budget Request FY 2018-2019*

**500 Accounts**  
**Recreation Department Summary**

Date: 05-02-2018

<b>Prior Year And Anticipated Need For The Coming Year</b>	<b>Prior Year</b>	<b>Anticipated</b>
	<b>\$12,500.00</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>

<b>Proposed Budget</b>	<b>Manager's Request Amount</b>	<b>Budget Comm. Approved Amount</b>	<b>Council Approved Amount</b>	<b>Increase (Decrease)</b>
	<b>\$5,000.00</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>	<b>(\$7,500.00)</b>

The Recreation Department will see a \$7,500.00 decrease in the amount of funds which were requested last year.

**Overall Difference= \$7,500.00 decrease**

**Town of Veazie**  
*Budget Request FY 2018-2019*

**550 Account**  
**Community Investment Summary**

Date: 05-02-2018

Prior Year And Anticipated Need For The Coming Year	Prior Year	Anticipated
	\$30,000.00	\$33,700.00

Proposed Budget	Manager's Request Amount	Budget Comm. Approved Amount	Council Approved Amount	Increase (Decrease)
	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$3,700.00

The Community Investment Account is seeing a \$3,700.00 increase in the amount of funds which were requested last year.

**Decreases:**

Economic Development: \$1,300.00

**Total: \$1,300.00**

**Increases:**

The Viking: \$5,000.00

**Total: \$5,000.00**

**Overall Difference= \$3,700.00**

# Town of Veazie

## Budget Request FY 2018-2019

### 600 Accounts Capital Accounts

Date: 05-02-2018

Prior Year And Anticipated Need For The Coming Year	Prior Year	Anticipated
	\$215,000.00	\$219,000.00

Proposed Budget	Manager's Request Amount	Budget Comm. Approved Amount	Council Approved Amount	Increase (Decrease)
	\$219,000.00	\$219,000.00	\$219,000.00	\$4,000.00

The Capital Accounts will see a \$4,000.00 increase from the monies requested last year. The requested \$219,000.00 will be spent in the following manner:

**Police Department= \$5,000.00** This money will be used to purchase replacement bullet resistant vest as some of the current vest are nearing end of life cycles.

**Executive Department= \$5,000.00** This money will be used toward the purchase of equipment to update the public information channel, implement additional ways to communications with the public and replace the municipal building server.

**VEMA=\$4,000.00** This money will be used to refund the Veazie Emergency Management Account (VEMA). The previous fund was expended this past year replacing the turbo and circuit board on the Municipal Generator.

**Fire Department= \$5,000.00** This money will be used to purchase new sets of fire gear to replace those that have reached their end of life date.

**Highway= \$200,000.00** This money will be used toward highway projects. A detailed list has been prepared and will be present to Council for approval. Once approved a copy will be provided for review.

**Town of Veazie**  
*Budget Request FY 2018-2019*

**700 Accounts**  
**Reserve Account Summary**

Date: 05-02-2018

<b>Prior Year And Anticipated Need For The Coming Year</b>	<b>Prior Year</b>	<b>Anticipated</b>
	<b>\$64,500.00</b>	<b>\$69,500.00</b>

<b>Proposed Budget</b>	<b>Manager's Request Amount</b>	<b>Budget Comm. Approved Amount</b>	<b>Council Approved Amount</b>	<b>Increase (Decrease)</b>
	<b>\$69,500.00</b>	<b>\$69,500.00</b>	<b>\$69,500.00</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>

The Reserve Account is requesting \$5,000.00 more than the requested funds from last year. Below is a breakdown of the increases for this account.

**Increases:**

Police Car Reserve: \$5,000.00

**Total: \$5,000.00**

**Overall Difference= \$5,000.00 Increase**

# Town of Veazie

## Budget Request FY 2018-2019

### 800 Accounts Fixed/Variable Costs Summary

Date: 05-02-2018

Prior Year And Anticipated Need For The Coming Year	Prior Year	Anticipated
	\$480,480.00	\$491,080.00

Proposed Budget	Manager's Request Amount	Budget Comm. Approved Amount	Council Approved Amount	Increase (Decrease)
	\$491,080.00	\$491,080.00	\$491,080.00	\$10,600.00

The fixed/variable account is requesting a \$10,600.00 increase over the requested funds last year. Below is a breakdown of the increases. They are as follows:

**Increases:**

Road Salt: \$4,000.00

Ground Maint: \$1,600.00

Heating Cost: \$2,000.00

Public Trans: \$3,000.00

**Total: \$10,600.00**

**Overall Difference= \$10,600.00 Increase**

# Town of Veazie

## Budget Request FY 2018-2019

### 900 Accounts Mandatory Summary

Date: 05-02-2018

Prior Year And Anticipated Need For The Coming Year	Prior Year	Anticipated
	\$1,369,823.15	*\$1,405,531.00

Proposed Budget	Manager's Request Amount	Budget Comm. Approved Amount	Council Approved Amount	Increase (Decrease)
	*\$1,405,531.00	*\$1,405,531.00	*\$1,405,531.00	\$35,707.85

#### Decrease:

TIF Financing: \$37,309.00\*\*

Total: \$37,309.00

#### Increases:

Renovation Loan Repayment: \$36,000.00  
County Tax: \$18,555.00

Overlay: \$18,461.85\*\*\*

Total: \$73,016.85

Overall Difference= \$35,707.85 Increase

\*Education amount not included\*

\*\*TIF Financing will not be known until tax commitment\*\*

\*\*\* Final overlay number will not be known until tax commitment\*\*\*

# Town of Veazie

## Budget Request FY 2018-2019

### Revenue Summary

Date: 05-02-2018

Prior Year And Anticipated Need For The Coming Year	Prior Year	Anticipated
	\$5,825,600.15	\$6,129,442.00

Proposed Budget	Manager's Request Amount	Budget Comm. Approved Amount	Council Approved Amount	Increase (Decrease)
	\$6,129,442.00	\$6,129,442.00	\$6,129,442.00	\$303,841.85

### Increases:

RE Tax Comm: \$122,262.56  
 Excise BMV: \$50,000.00  
 Homestead: \$696.31  
 Agent Fees: \$1,000.00  
 Plumb Permit: \$500.00  
 Elec Permit: \$300.00  
 Animal Fees: \$100.00  
 Fees and Fines: \$200.00  
 Winter Roads Contract: \$2,880.00

PP Tax Comm: \$109,950.98  
 Excise Boats: \$500.00  
 BETE: \$62.00  
 Vital Records: \$500.00  
 Bldg Permit: \$2,000.00  
 MO HO Park: \$440.00  
 Interest: \$10,000.00  
 Misc Revenue: \$350.00  
 Com Center Rent: \$2,100.00

**Total: \$303,841.85**





### Citizen Involvement Application

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

Name Michael Smart Phone Number 945-4129  
 Address 1379 State St  
 Civic Involvement none yet (Rec Committee 4 years ago)  
 Years Resided in Veazie 30+  
 Specialty or Field Educator (Physical Education)  
 Committee or Boards Interested In Historical  
 Additional Information

Applicants Signature: Michael Smart

\*By signing this document I acknowledge that I have read and agree to abide by the Committee Policy that has been adopted by the Veazie Town Council.\*

Date Received at Town Office. \_\_\_\_\_

# Expense Detail Report

ALL Accounts  
ALL Months

05/04/2018

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**ITEM # 9**

Account----- Date Jnl Desc---	Current Budget	Debits	Credits	Unexpended Balance
100 - GENERAL GOVERNMENT	311,050.00	0.00	0.00	311,050.00
10 - PAYROLL	181,000.00	152,817.12	3,231.73	31,414.61
20 - BENEFITS	15,050.00	12,947.02	0.00	2,102.98
30 - RETIREMENT / INSURANCE	45,600.00	32,964.15	0.00	12,635.85
40 - OTHER COSTS	7,300.00	4,596.51	793.90	3,497.39
50 - PROFESSIONAL FEES	32,100.00	28,415.40	3,440.00	7,124.60
60 - REPAIRS	1,000.00	631.84	0.00	368.16
70 - UTILITIES	15,000.00	13,220.40	0.00	1,779.60
80 - EQUIPMENT PURCH, RPR & MAINT	1,000.00	522.00	0.00	478.00
95 - MISCELLANEOUS	13,000.00	4,825.40	30.11	8,204.71
Department..	311,050.00	250,939.84	7,495.74	67,605.90
200 - POLICE	344,900.00	0.00	0.00	344,900.00
10 - PAYROLL	221,500.00	184,558.28	1,000.00	37,941.72
20 - BENEFITS	21,100.00	20,160.59	0.00	939.41
30 - RETIREMENT / INSURANCE	62,000.00	63,561.49	0.00	-1,561.49
40 - OTHER COSTS	25,400.00	22,442.71	0.00	2,957.29
60 - REPAIRS	7,200.00	4,753.20	0.00	2,446.80
95 - MISCELLANEOUS	7,700.00	4,670.83	60.00	3,089.17
Department..	344,900.00	300,147.10	1,060.00	45,812.90
300 - FIRE	231,300.00	0.00	0.00	231,300.00
10 - PAYROLL	130,000.00	103,481.11	0.00	26,518.89
20 - BENEFITS	18,300.00	17,026.10	0.00	1,273.90
30 - RETIREMENT / INSURANCE	43,600.00	31,742.92	0.00	11,857.08
40 - OTHER COSTS	9,000.00	6,354.84	0.00	2,645.16
50 - PROFESSIONAL FEES	7,000.00	4,410.72	0.00	2,589.28
60 - REPAIRS	17,550.00	13,274.76	1,172.11	5,447.35
95 - MISCELLANEOUS	5,850.00	3,403.24	503.40	2,950.16
Department..	231,300.00	179,693.69	1,675.51	53,281.82
500 - RECREATION	12,500.00	0.00	0.00	12,500.00
40 - OTHER COSTS	12,500.00	795.97	0.00	11,704.03
Department..	12,500.00	795.97	0.00	11,704.03
550 - COMMUNITY INVESTMENT	30,000.00	0.00	0.00	30,000.00
95 - MISCELLANEOUS	30,000.00	27,760.64	10,000.00	12,239.36
Department..	30,000.00	27,760.64	10,000.00	12,239.36
600 - CAPITAL FUNDS	215,000.00	0.00	0.00	215,000.00
90 - CAPITAL PROJECTS	215,000.00	215,000.00	0.00	0.00
Department..	215,000.00	215,000.00	0.00	0.00
700 - RESERVE ACCOUNTS	64,500.00	0.00	0.00	64,500.00
40 - OTHER COSTS	64,500.00	64,500.00	0.00	0.00
Department..	64,500.00	64,500.00	0.00	0.00
800 - FIXED COSTS/VARIABLE	480,480.00	0.00	0.00	480,480.00
40 - OTHER COSTS	79,500.00	64,693.90	15.00	14,821.10
45 - FIXED COSTS	400,980.00	360,638.27	2,496.67	42,838.40
95 - MISCELLANEOUS	0.00	230,503.92	230,503.92	0.00
Department..	480,480.00	655,836.09	233,015.59	57,659.50
900 - MANDATORY	3,164,770.00	0.00	0.00	3,164,770.00

Expense Detail Report  
ALL Accounts  
ALL Months

Account-----			Current			Unexpended
Date	Jrnl	Desc---	Budget	Debits	Credits	Balance
900 - MANDATORY CONT'D						
45 - FIXED COSTS			1,369,823.15	1,247,813.14	0.00	122,010.01
95 - MISCELLANEOUS			2,766,047.00	2,305,039.20	0.00	461,007.80
		Department..	4,135,870.15	3,552,852.34	0.00	583,017.81
Final Totals			5,825,600.15	5,247,525.67	253,246.84	831,321.32

# **Manager's Report For May 7, 2018 Council Meeting**

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

Principal Cyr, myself and other staff members have been working to facilitate a location which can be used for tutoring a student. We determined that we are able to provide a location which will meet their needs. The tutoring will begin this week and go through the end of the School year. This is another example of how the Town and School are working together to solve problems.

I will meet with Principal Cyr to review the draft final version of the marketing materials. The material will be presented at a future Council Meeting.

The Town's contractor for hazard tree removal and I met to discuss which trees are deemed to be high-risk and should be removed. The removal process has begun and will take place over the next few weeks.

The spring cleanup date has been set for May 12<sup>th</sup> from 8-1. As previously discussed I have implemented a ticket purchase procedure this year in hopes to help better prepare and also to help with making certain the people dumping items are Veazie residents. So far, the idea has been well received. The price for the ticket is \$10.00, per house hold which entitles you to one trailer load or pickup truck load of debris.

Leaf and brush pick up will occur on May 11<sup>th</sup>. All items must be curbside by 7:00 am and the same standards from previous years are being applied. Once this brush and leaf pickup are complete we will have a contractor come in and grind all of the brush and leaves in the collection area. This should reduce the eyesore which is currently visible as you enter into the lower section of the Cemetery. Once this is complete I feel a discussion should be had on how we want to proceed with the brush and leaf collection area.

The Cemetery cleanup is scheduled for either May 4<sup>th</sup> or May 7<sup>th</sup>. Once the cleanup is completed, the Cemetery Committee will place the flags and flowers for Memorial Day.

The Davis Drive project is progressing along very well and should be completed ahead of schedule.

The Town's live-in fire student will be graduating this year. In honor of his graduation, we held a spaghetti dinner and presented him with a plaque for the work he has done as our first live-in student. Additionally, we presented a plaque to Jeff Burt who wasn't officially a live-in student but did much of the same work. I thanked both of them for their service and wished them well with their future career.

The budget has been finalized and prepared for public hearing. In addition, I have completed the budget memo and will present to Council at the meeting.

The remodel of the former public works space is coming together nicely. Flooring is nearly complete and the ceiling grid has been installed. IT items have arrived and should be going in over the next few weeks. I am anticipating a mid to late June move in.

# **Manager's Report For May 7, 2018 Council Meeting**

I met with the Town Forester and Conservation Commission Chair on numerous proposed projects for the coming year. I have made contact with contractors and will be getting pricing for these projects.

**Attachments:**

1. Assessors update
2. Letter from PERC
3. Bangor Daily News Article
4. School Board agenda and financials

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

TO: Mark Leonard, Town Manager  
CC: Veazie Town Council  
FROM: Benjamin F. Birch, Jr., Assessor  
Date: April 19, 2018

*Benjamin F. Birch*

**RE: Assessor's Update as of April 19, 2018**

I am providing excerpts from 2018 LD List that Kate Dufour of MMA shared during the Central Maine Association of Assessing Officer 2018 Spring Seminar, April 13, 2018.

**LD 289** – This bill extends the (generally) \$6,000 veteran's homestead exemption, which is currently provided to veterans over the age of 62 who served during federally recognized periods of war, to all honorably discharged veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces over the age of 62. The effective date of the exemption for the newly eligible veterans is April 1, 2018. The projected annual cost to the state of providing the affected municipalities with 50% of the lost tax revenue associated with the expanded veterans exemption is \$430,000 beginning in FY 2020. The bill includes a \$15,000 appropriation from the General Fund for FY 2019 to cover 90% of the municipal administrative costs (mandate costs) associated with processing the applications submitted to the municipal assessors by the veterans made eligible for the exemption by this bill.

**Carryover**

**LD 1479** – The committee amendment replaces the printed bill and makes the following changes to process for the appeal of tax assessments to the State Board of Property Tax Review. Specifically, the amendment: (1) clarifies an assessor's authority to request a "true and perfect" list and other information in a combined single notice to a taxpayer; (2) revises existing confidentiality restrictions to clarify that assessors may share information with other municipal officials, attorneys, consultants and experts; (3) provides that the position of the one public member on

the board must be filled by a person with expertise in taxation, finance or property valuation matters and permits current assessors, as well as retired assessors, to be members of the board; and (4) mandates mediation to take place between the assessor and the taxpayer after filing an appeal with the State Board, but before the hearing is scheduled, unless otherwise excused by the State Board Chair. The committee amendment also creates a task force to examine the State Board of Property Tax Review and recommend changes to improve the appeal process. Areas of study include shortening the review process, broadening board membership, providing access to funding and professional staff, and updating the Board's rules. The task force must submit a report with its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over taxation matters, which may report out legislation to the First Regular Session of the 129th Legislature. The amendment also adds a mandate preamble. **Enacted; PL 2017, c. 367**

**LD 1629** - Under the terms of the amended bill, within 30 days of filing a tax lien certificate with the registry of deeds, municipal officials are required to provide a delinquent property taxpayer, who is receiving a homestead exemption, notice of the recipient's right to apply for a poverty tax abatement. The notice must include contact information for the Bureau of Consumer Credit Protection, which is directed to help homeowners find a financial advisor able to work with the taxpayer and the municipality in an effort to avoid foreclosure. The bureau is also required to provide MMA with the information to be included in the notice, and the Association is in turn tasked with making the information available to municipalities.

After the foreclosure process is complete and the right of redemption has expired, LD 1629, as amended, requires a municipality to enter into a six month contract with a licensed real estate broker to sell tax acquired property owned by a resident 65 years of age or older, provided that prior to the foreclosure the resident received the homestead exemption, had a household income of less than \$40,000 and liquid assets of less than \$50,000 (\$75,000 for a multi-person household). If the property does not sell in six months or the community is unable to find a broker

willing to list the property, the municipality is then authorized to sell the property according to the method used to dispose of all other tax acquired property.

In order to determine eligibility for the special process, a municipality is required to provide a potentially eligible former homeowner with an application and instruction form at least 90 days before listing the property for sale. The former homeowner is provided 30 days to complete and submit the application and the municipality is required to approve or deny the request within 30 days of receiving the application. The amended version of LD 1629 also allows the former owner to appeal a municipal decision to deny the application.

One hundred percent of the sale revenue, less the costs incurred by the municipality to manage and dispose of the property, back taxes, interest and fees, must be returned to the previous owner.

The silver lining in the amended bill is the committee's willingness to fund a majority of the new municipal costs imposed in LD 1629. As provided in current law, the Legislature must either fund 90 percent of newly mandated costs or shift 100 percent of those costs to municipalities by a two-thirds majority vote in both the House and Senate. Failure of the Legislature to fund or override its financial obligation renders the municipal implementation of the newly adopted requirements an option, rather than a mandate.

LEGISLATIVE Bulletins Numbers 13 and 14 provides additional information.

**LD 1196** – As amended by Committee, this bill reestablishes the property tax deferral program managed by state government that was originally established in the 1980s, closed off to all new applicants in the early 1990s, and finally closed out as a state expenditure account in 2017. Under this bill, qualifying Maine resident homeowners, effective on or after April 1, 2018, can apply to the state to receive a deferral of the municipal property tax obligation related to their residential property. For as long as those residents qualify, the state will pay to the appropriate municipality the property taxes not otherwise paid by the homeowners. The state, in turn, will hold a non-foreclosing lien on the property until such a time as it is sold or otherwise transferred. The age, income and asset qualifications for the



deferral program require: (1) at least one of the resident homeowners to be either 65 years of age or older or over 60 years of age or older if retired from gainful employment by reason of physical disability; (2) that household income does not exceed \$40,000; and (3) that the value of the household's liquid assets (e.g., bank accounts, stocks and bonds, life insurance policies, lump sum payments and inheritances, etc.) does not exceed \$50,000 for a single homeowner or \$75,000 for a multi-person household. A household would also not qualify if the property tax payments are being deferred pursuant to a municipally-established deferral program. The projected fiscal costs associated with reinstating this state-level property tax deferral program, including the establishment of a position in Maine Revenue Services, computer programming costs and the payments of the property taxes to the affected municipalities, is \$1.7 million in the first full year of implementation.

**LD 1719** – This bill provides the regulatory framework necessary to implement the citizen initiated law legalizing the recreational use of marijuana for persons 21 years of age or older, which as proposed in the bill is referred to as the “adult use” of marijuana. With exception to delaying the licensing system for manufacturing, cultivation, testing, and retail facilities to December 1, 2018 and the licensing of social clubs to June 1, 2020, as well as clarifying the municipal “opt-in” process, this bill is identical to LD 1650, which was vetoed by the Governor in 2017. (In current law, the statewide moratorium on non-medical marijuana establishments is scheduled to end on February 1, 2018).

**Local Control.** Of greatest significance to municipal officials, the bill expressly authorizes municipalities to prohibit the operation of some or all types of marijuana establishments (e.g. cultivation, manufacturing, testing, retail stores and social clubs) within the municipality and also to limit the number of any type of establishment that may be approved or licensed to operate in the community. The bill authorizes communities to adopt reasonable land use ordinances regulating the location of all marijuana establishments within the community and impose reasonable licensing requirements addressing matters not regulated by the state. The bill specifies that municipalities can adopt ordinances that: (1) place reasonable restrictions on size, content and location of signs and advertisements

used by marijuana establishments, except that provisions must prohibit the placement of signs and advertisements within 1,000 feet of the property line of a preexisting public or private school; (2) establish reasonable municipal licensing fee schedules; and (3) enforce odor control measures for both commercial and personal cultivation of marijuana. Furthermore, municipalities are authorized to deny an application for the location of a marijuana establishment within the community without first adopting an ordinance regulating marijuana establishments.

The bill proposes that marijuana establishment applications would not be authorized at the local level until the municipality passed a new ordinance, amended an existing ordinance, or approved a warrant article designating certain or all types of marijuana establishments to be a permissible use in that municipality's jurisdiction.

The standards adopted by the municipality, however, cannot be more restrictive than or otherwise conflict with explicit state regulations. Municipalities are expressly prohibited from approving or licensing marijuana establishments that seek to locate within 1,000 feet of the property line of an existing public or private school, although municipalities may expand that minimum distance. Municipalities are also prohibited from granting a license to an applicant that has not demonstrated that the applicant owns or leases the property from which the proposed establishment will operate. The bill requires applicants to submit a site plan designating the location, size and layout of the proposed establishment. If the applicant is approved or granted a license to operate in the community, the municipality must provide the Department of Administrative and Financial Services (DAFS) with a copy of the submitted site plan.

As provided in the bill, a municipality's failure to act on a request for approval or a license to operate a marijuana establishment cannot be construed to satisfy the approval or licensing process. If at any time a municipality withdraws approval for a marijuana establishment or revokes a municipal license, the

establishment must immediately cease operations and may apply to DAFS for a relocation permit.

Finally, municipalities are required to notify DAFS within 14 days of a decision to: (1) approve or deny the location of a marijuana establishment; (2) issue or renew a license; (3) withdraw the approval or suspend or revoke a license; (4) approve the relocation of a licensed premises; or (5) approve a transfer of ownership interest in a licensed establishment.

## **IN THE HOPPER**

### **Taxation**

**LD 1891** – An Act to Improve Compliance with the Maine Tree Growth Tax Law. (Governor's Bill) (Sponsored by Sen. Cushing of Penobscot County)

This bill amends the Maine Tree Growth Tax Law by authorizing the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Forestry to review certain parcels of land classified under the Maine Tree Growth Tax Law to determine whether the landowner is complying with the requirement of the law and whether the land is being managed in compliance with the forest management and harvest plan for that parcel. The bureau is required to report any noncompliance after a specified period to the assessor. The owner of a parcel found by the forestry bureau to be in noncompliance with the law may apply to reclassify the parcel as farmland or open space under the farm or open space tax law. This also requires the bureau to offer assistance to the landowners found in noncompliance. Encl. 1



# 128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## SECOND REGULAR SESSION-2018

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 1891**

S.P. 722

In Senate, March 28, 2018

### **An Act To Improve Compliance with the Maine Tree Growth Tax Law**

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Reference to the Committee on Taxation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator CUSHING of Penobscot. (GOVERNOR'S BILL)  
Cosponsored by Representative KINNEY of Knox.

1 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

2 Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §575-A, sub-§3 is enacted to read:

3 3. Review of forest management and harvest plan by Bureau of Forestry. The  
4 Director of the Bureau of Forestry within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation  
5 and Forestry, referred to in this subsection as "the forestry bureau," is authorized to  
6 initiate a review of the forest management and harvest plan of any parcel enrolled under  
7 this subchapter for which there is no apparent evidence of timber harvesting within the  
8 previous 20 years, based on notifications of harvesting received by the forestry bureau  
9 under Title 12, section 8883-B, to determine whether the plan complies with this  
10 subchapter. The director shall notify the owner of any parcel that the forestry bureau  
11 intends to review for compliance under this subsection at least 15 days prior to initiation  
12 of the review.

13 A. The director of the forestry bureau shall limit reviews authorized under this  
14 subsection to parcels for which there is a difference between the valuation under this  
15 subchapter and just value of at least 25% or parcels for which an assessor requests a  
16 review.

17 B. For the purposes of reviews authorized under this subsection, the director of the  
18 forestry bureau or the director's designee may:

19 (1) With prior written notification to the landowner, enter and examine forest  
20 land for the purpose of determining compliance with the forest management and  
21 harvest plan required under section 574-B;

22 (2) Request and review a forest management and harvest plan required under  
23 section 574-B, which must be provided by a landowner or the landowner's agent  
24 upon request; and

25 (3) Request and review an expired forest management and harvest plan, which  
26 must be provided by a landowner or the landowner's agent upon request.

27 C. If the forestry bureau determines, within one year after initiating a review under  
28 this subsection, that a landowner is not in compliance with this subchapter or that a  
29 parcel is not being managed in compliance with a plan developed under section  
30 574-B, subsection 1, the forestry bureau shall provide notice of its determination to  
31 the landowner, the assessor and the forester who prepared or reviewed and certified  
32 the plan. With this notice, the forestry bureau shall provide to the landowner the  
33 reasons that the landowner is determined to be in noncompliance and a list of  
34 consulting foresters and shall offer the assistance of the forestry bureau in achieving  
35 compliance. The landowner has 180 days to come into compliance with this  
36 subchapter and 18 months to bring the parcel into compliance with the plan. If the  
37 landowner does not come into compliance with this subchapter within 180 days or  
38 does not come into compliance with the plan within 18 months, the forestry bureau  
39 shall report that finding of noncompliance to the landowner and the assessor.

40 A forest management and harvest plan provided to the director of the forestry bureau or  
41 the director's designee under this subsection is confidential and is not a public record as  
42 defined in Title 1, section 402, subsection 3, except that the director may publish at least

1 one summary report annually, which may not reveal the activities of any person and  
2 which must be available as a public record.

3 Except when requested by the landowner or a transfer of the property occurs, the assessor  
4 may not withdraw a parcel from tree growth classification while it is under review  
5 pursuant to this subsection. An assessor may not unreasonably deny a request to transfer  
6 a parcel reviewed by the forestry bureau to classification as farmland or open space land  
7 under subchapter 10.

8 No later than March 1st of odd-numbered years beginning in 2019, the forestry bureau  
9 shall issue a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction  
10 over taxation matters that summarizes the activities of the forestry bureau with regard to  
11 reviews of parcels conducted pursuant to this subsection.

## 12 SUMMARY

13 This bill makes the following changes to the Maine Tree Growth Tax Law.

14 1. It authorizes the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of  
15 Forestry to review certain parcels of land classified under the Maine Tree Growth Tax  
16 Law to determine whether the landowner is complying with the requirements of the law  
17 and whether the land is being managed in compliance with the forest management and  
18 harvest plan for that parcel. The bureau is required to report any noncompliance after a  
19 specified period to the assessor. The owner of a parcel found by the forestry bureau to be  
20 in noncompliance with the law may apply to reclassify the parcel as farmland or open  
21 space under the farm and open space tax law.

22 2. It requires the bureau to offer assistance to landowners found in noncompliance.

*128th Legislature*  
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*Senator Andre E. Cushing, III*  
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Testimony of Senator Andre Cushing  
before the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation

March 29, 2018

*LD 1891, An Act To Improve Compliance with the Maine Tree Growth Tax*

Senator Dow, Representative Tipping and distinguished colleagues of the committee, my name is Senator Andre Cushing and I represent 15 communities in Southern Penobscot County.

I am before you today to present LD 1891, *An Act To Improve Compliance with the Maine Tree Growth Tax*.

This bill makes two simple changes:

1. It authorizes the Bureau of Forestry to review certain parcels of land classified under the Maine Tree Growth Tax Law to determine whether the landowner is complying with the requirements of the law and report any noncompliance, and;
2. It requires the Bureau to offer assistance to landowners found in noncompliance.

Staff from the Governor's office will be following me to answer any questions you may have.

Thank you for your time.



Paul R. LePage  
GOVERNOR

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TESTIMONY OF  
MICHAEL BEARDSLEY  
ON BEHALF OF GOVERNOR PAUL R. LEPAGE

IN SUPPORT OF LD 1891 - AN ACT TO IMPROVE COMPLIANCE WITH THE MAINE  
TREE GROWTH TAX LAW

BEFORE THE JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON  
TAXATION

MARCH 29, 2018

Senator Dow, Representative Tipping, distinguished members of the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation. My name is Mike Beardsley, Senior Policy Advisor to Governor LePage and I reside in North Monmouth. I am testifying on behalf of the Governor today to speak in support of LD 1891 – An Act to Improve Compliance with the Maine Tree Growth Tax Law.

We would like to thank the committee for the opportunity to discuss this straight forward bill the administration believes will help improve the operation and compliance with the Maine Tree Growth Tax Law.

The administration feels the bill allows the professionals of the Maine Forest Service to review parcels enrolled under the Tree Growth Tax Law and their accompanying forest management plans for compliance with law at a reasonable interval and, where necessary, assist willing owners with bringing management plans into compliance. In the event a parcel is not in compliance after the specified time, then that non-compliance is reported to the town assessor, leaving any decisions regarding the reclassification of parcels in the hands of the municipality.

This bill also provides a mechanism for landowners whose land is not a fit for the Tree Growth Tax Law to move their land into another current use program such as open space or farmland that more closely aligns with their individual goals.



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March 29, 2018

Senator Dow, Chair  
Representative Tipping, Chair  
Distinguished Members of the Taxation Committee

My name is Gordon Gamble. I am a resident of Roxbury, Maine and a professional forester representing Wagner Forest Management, Ltd. and its clients. I am testifying in support of LD 1891.

As this committee is well aware the Tree Growth Tax Law has served the State of Maine and its woodland owners very well over the years. This law has been critical to maintaining healthy and productive forests throughout the State enabling a stable sustainable source of wood products and habitat. It is also critical to our ability to effectively manage the lands of our clients. However, we recognize that abuses of this law have occurred particularly in areas of high value lands.

We believe that the steps outlined in LD 1891 are measured and appropriate to address abuses within the Tree Growth Tax program without jeopardizing the original intent of the law. We therefore support the passage of this bill and urge the committee to vote likewise.

Please vote Ought to Pass on LD 1891.

Sincerely,

*Gordon Gamble*

Gordon Gamble  
Wagner Forest Management, Ltd.



## Penobscot Energy Recovery Company

· 29 Industrial Way  
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(207) 825 - 4566

ESOCO ORRINGTON, LLC.  
Plant Operator

May 1, 2018

Dear Town of Veazie,

I am pleased to inform you that the tipping fee you pay to PERC under the terms of our contract is going down. Commencing May 1<sup>st</sup>, the new rate will be \$75.00 per ton. Your tipping fee will still be adjusted annually based on the terms of the contract, but the base for future increases will now be set at \$75.00 per ton.

We appreciate your business and loyalty to PERC and hope that this adjustment will be helpful as you address the many other expenditures in your municipal budget.

PERC has long been planning for the changes that have occurred this spring with the expiration of both our long-term power purchase agreement with Emera Maine and waste disposal contracts with municipalities represented by the Municipal Review Committee (MRC). Even though our owners have consistently invested in PERC and our plant is in great shape, we knew that we would have to make changes to our operations and find ways to operate more efficiently with less tonnage.

We have invested \$1.6 million in two new slow-speed grinders, one of which was put into operation last year and another which has just arrived. These highly efficient and mobile machines, known as Terminators, allow us to utilize different fuels, such as carpet, tires, and oversize bulky wastes (OBW) that other facilities won't take, and to process all of our waste in a more uniform size for our boilers. They replace older, more complicated, stationary machines that had less flexibility and required expensive maintenance every year. The only downside has been that we now need fewer people and recently eliminated 17 positions, which was difficult.

In addition, we have invested in new metals recovery technology, allowing us to recover even more ferrous and non-ferrous metals from the residual ash that is left after waste 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, which translates into significant savings in disposal costs and increased revenue from metals recycling.

Thanks to our skilled and dedicated employees, these and other efforts have been even more successful than we had anticipated, and we are pleased to pass the cost savings along to you.

PERC strongly supports Maine's Solid Waste Management Hierarchy, which puts waste reduction, reuse, recycling and waste to energy all ahead of landfilling. We continue to believe that PERC is the safest, more affordable, most environmentally responsible waste disposal option for Maine communities. We hope you agree, and we appreciate your business.

Sincerely,  
Penobscot Energy Recovery Company

Gary A. Stacey, Plant Controller



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EVERQUOTE

Outdoors

# Longtime members say Veazie Salmon Club will change focus, remain open



John Holyoke | BDN

The Veazie Salmon Club was founded in 1978, and this clubhouse on the Penobscot River was built in 1983. In spite of concerns about the viability of the club, a group of members plans to help keep it running despite the inability to fish for Atlantic salmon. John Holyoke

By **John Holyoke**, BDN Staff • April 27, 2018 1:00 am

Three weeks ago, the Veazie Salmon Club — one of three salmon clubs on the Bangor-to-Orono stretch of the Penobscot River — seemed on the brink of collapse. **Frustrated members Gayland Hachey and Claude Westfall cited a membership base that was literally dying off**, along with years of disinterest, as they explained that they'd keep paying bills as long as the money in the bank account held up, then turn the club building over to the town of Veazie when it ran out.

Membership renewal notices weren't being sent out, Hachey explained. Meetings hadn't been held in three or four years. And a board of directors didn't even exist.

When the story about the club's demise appeared in the BDN in early April, Bob Wengrzynek of Old Town, a member since the 1980s, said a few dozen other members reached out to him via phone and email, asking for an explanation he couldn't provide. None, he said, even knew that the club's future was in doubt. He didn't know, either.

That spurred Wengrzynek and others into action, as they began formulating a plan to save the venerable club.

On Wednesday afternoon Wengrzynek — a member of the newly formed ad hoc board of directors — and Jimmy Matarazzo of Corinth — the ad hoc president of the reformulated club — sat down to talk about a future they say will be a bright one for the club.

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“[We have learned] there’s plenty of money in the checking account. We saw the newspaper article and said, ‘What’s going on?’” Wengrzynek said. “And a bunch of us who’d been members for a long time got together and said, ‘We’ve got to do something about this.’”

The clubhouse sits atop a steep bank, overlooking the river and the formerly productive salmon pools below. Across the river are pools that were frequented by members of the Eddington Salmon Club.

The last short, experimental Atlantic Salmon fishing season on the Penobscot was staged in 2008. Since then, the salmon in the river have been listed under the federal Endangered Species Act, and no angling for the species has been allowed.

That reality has forced members to think about a crucial question: Why have a salmon club on a river where salmon fishing no longer takes place.

Matarazzo has an answer for that one.

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“Because we now have a very, very viable fishery,” he said. “We have shad, we have stripers. We have landlocked salmon, smallmouth bass,

pike, pickerel, and this piece of water is the most productive place to fish. Everything migratory has to come here to get where it's going."

Wengrzynek said changing the focus away from salmon fishing is important, but admitted the nostalgia of the club also inspires him, and makes him want to find a way for the club to resume regular operations.

"When the club started, [people] primarily came here to fish for Atlantic salmon," Wengrzynek said. "Here's the thing that people didn't really realize: If there was one person fighting an Atlantic salmon out there, that porch would be loaded with 20 people watching. They'd ring the bell. Maybe of those 20 people, none of them could fish for salmon because they were too old. But the club was about [being a] social club."

With an aging membership and a fishery that no longer exists, how does the Veazie Salmon Club become viable again?

By adapting and overcoming, Matarazzo said.



And that means modernizing, according to Wengrzynek.

The club hasn't corresponded with members by email very often, he said, and that will change immediately. Anyone looking to reach out to the club or inquire about becoming a member can send correspondence

to **veaziesalmonclub@aol.com**. In addition, membership applications are in a box outside the clubhouse on Old County Road in Veazie.

Wengrzynek envisions a club with a membership that wants to utilize the clubhouse for a variety of purposes.

Want to fish? Stop on by. Want to hold your child's birthday party at the clubhouse? That'll work, too. Want to try fishing for shad, which have returned to the river in the past few years? Wengrzynek will leave a few rods in the clubhouse for members to use.

Failure, Wengrzynek said, is not an option.

"We've got our blood and soul in this," he explained.

*John Holyoke can be reached at **jholyokey@bangordailynews.com** or 990-8214. Follow him on Twitter: @JohnHolyoke*

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**TO: Veazie School Committee**

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

**DATE: May 7, 2018**

**SUBJECT: School Committee Meeting - 5:30 p.m.  
Veazie Town Office Council Chambers**

**AGENDA**

- I. Call of the Roll**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of April 2, 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)**

**A. Discuss and act on Probationary and Continuing Contract Teachers.**

**X. Superintendent Report**

**A. April Financials (Exhibit)**

**XI. New Business**

**XII. Old Business**

**A. Discuss and act on amended Inter-local Agreement (Exhibit)**

**MOTION:** That the School Board on behalf of the voters of Veazie School Administrative Unit hereby approves the Interlocal Agreement for the Southern Penobscot Regional Program for Children with Exceptionalities as described in the regional service center application approved by the Commissioner of the Maine Department of Education, and authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to sign the Interlocal Agreement and related documents on behalf of Veazie School Administrative Unit.

**XIII. Board Policy**

**A. Discuss and act on second reading and approval of Policy JICK, Bullying. (Exhibit)**

**XIV. Request for Information**

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

**XVI. Next Meeting - June 4, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the VCS Library Media Center**

**XVII. Adjournment**

# Veazie School Department

## All Revenue - YTD

Report # 5022

Statement Code: All Revenue

Account Number / Description	Expected Revenue	YTD Received	Amount Remaining	Percent Remaining
	7/1/2017 - 6/30/2018	7/1/2017 - 4/30/2018	7/1/2017 - 4/30/2018	7/1/2017 - 4/30/2018
<b>1000 GENERAL FUND</b>				
1000-0000-0000-41211-000 Local Allocation - Veazie	(1,895,508.50)	(1,566,252.48)	(329,256.02)	17.37%
1000-0000-0000-41213-000 Additional Local Funds - Veazie	(868,778.56)	(737,320.06)	(131,458.50)	15.13%
1000-0000-0000-41510-000 Interest Income	0.00	(9,470.03)	9,470.03	---
1000-0000-0000-41901-000 Miscellaneous Revenue	0.00	(250.25)	250.25	---
1000-0000-0000-41910-000 Use of Facilities	0.00	(1,340.00)	1,340.00	---
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)	(570,131.80)	(194,297.98)	25.41%
1000-0000-0000-43111-000 State Subsidy/Debt Service	(268,297.00)	(328,074.69)	59,777.69	(22.28)%
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)	(22,296.06)	(7,628.94)	25.49%
<b>TOTAL 1000 GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$(4,096,938.84)</b>	<b>\$(3,507,968.68)</b>	<b>\$(588,970.16)</b>	<b>14.37%</b>
<b>1500 Adult Ed Voc Orono</b>				
1500-0000-0000-41214-000 Local Share for Adult Ed	(1,760.00)	(1,466.66)	(293.34)	16.66%
<b>TOTAL 1500 Adult Ed Voc Orono</b>	<b>\$(1,760.00)</b>	<b>\$(1,466.66)</b>	<b>\$(293.34)</b>	<b>16.66%</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)	(10,954.49)	(56,075.91)	83.65%
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>\$(18,153.18)</b>	<b>\$(74,317.22)</b>	<b>80.36%</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%

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## All Revenue - YTD

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2700-0000-0000-44521-000 Carryover	(481.41)	(481.41)	0.00	0.00%
<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	(865.71)	865.71	---
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>\$(100,865.71)</b>	<b>\$100,865.71</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	(14,830.55)	14,830.55	---
6000-0000-0000-41612-000 FS Sales - Breakfast	0.00	(1,524.80)	1,524.80	---
6000-0000-0000-41620-000 FS Sales - A La Carte	0.00	(316.05)	316.05	---
6000-0000-0000-41630-000 FS Sales - Adults	0.00	(121.40)	121.40	---
6000-0000-0000-41996-000 FS Misc. Revenue	0.00	(3.00)	3.00	---
6000-0000-0000-43251-000 State Funds Lunch	0.00	(6,658.55)	6,658.55	---
6000-0000-0000-44551-000 Federal Funds Regular Lunch	0.00	(5,464.72)	5,464.72	---
6000-0000-0000-44552-000 Federal Funds Lunch - Reduced	0.00	(4,333.96)	4,333.96	---
6000-0000-0000-44554-000 Federal Funds Breakfast	0.00	(4,661.24)	4,661.24	---
<b>TOTAL 6000 SCHOOL NUTRITION REVENUE</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$(77,914.27)</b>	<b>\$77,914.27</b>	<b>---</b>
<b>9990 STUDENT ACTIVITY</b>				
9990-0000-0000-40999-000 STUDENT ACTIVITY REVENUE	0.00	(2,499.44)	2,499.44	---
<b>TOTAL 9990 STUDENT ACTIVITY</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$(2,499.44)</b>	<b>\$2,499.44</b>	<b>---</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$(4,271,668.83)</b>	<b>\$(3,716,073.92)</b>	<b>\$(555,594.91)</b>	<b>13.00%</b>

# Veazie School Department

## Budget by Warrant Articles - Total

Report # 5021

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 - 4/30/2018	Encumbrances 7/1/2017 - 4/30/2018	Amount Remaining 7/1/2017 - 4/30/2018	Percent Remaining 7/1/2017 - 4/30/2018
<b>Total Article 1 - Reg Instr.</b>	\$2,041,913.17	\$0.00	\$2,041,913.17	\$1,396,579.75	\$1,111.54	\$644,221.88	31.54%
<b>Total Article 2 - Sp/Ed Instr.</b>	\$678,978.35	\$0.00	\$678,978.35	\$361,655.22	\$396.04	\$316,927.09	46.67%
<b>Total Article 3 - CTE Instr.</b>	\$25,080.47	\$0.00	\$25,080.47	\$20,900.40	\$0.00	\$4,180.07	16.66%
<b>Total Article 4 - Other Instr.</b>	\$36,094.64	\$0.00	\$36,094.64	\$21,244.50	\$0.00	\$14,850.14	41.14%
<b>Total Article 5 - Stu &amp; Staff</b>	\$198,858.55	\$9,369.83	\$208,228.38	\$135,857.64	\$2,210.99	\$70,159.75	33.69%
<b>Total Article 6 - System Admin</b>	\$112,977.54	\$27,000.00	\$139,977.54	\$87,005.19	\$2,109.90	\$50,862.45	36.33%
<b>Total Article 7 - Schl Admin.</b>	\$104,516.52	\$0.00	\$104,516.52	\$95,574.54	\$0.00	\$8,941.98	8.55%
<b>Total Article 8 - Transport.</b>	\$143,300.00	\$0.00	\$143,300.00	\$108,814.66	\$0.00	\$34,485.34	24.06%
<b>Total Article 9 - Op &amp; Maint</b>	\$372,645.00	\$37,039.65	\$409,684.65	\$309,036.09	\$13,439.00	\$87,209.56	21.28%
<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	\$1,309.80	\$0.00	\$450.20	25.57%
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	\$4,025,289.36	\$73,409.48	\$4,098,698.84	\$2,847,127.80	\$19,267.47	\$1,232,303.57	30.06%