



Veazie Town Council

Council Meeting

November 19, 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:** A. Approval of the October 15, 2018 Regular Council meeting Minutes  
B. Approval of the October 29, 2018 Special Town meeting Minutes
- ITEM 6:** Comments from the Public

**New Business:**

- ITEM 7:** Assessors Update
- ITEM 8:** Code Enforcement 80K Request
- ITEM 9:** FY 19/20 Budget Schedule Approval
- ITEM 10:** TIF Consultant Termination

**Old Business:**

- ITEM 11:** Topics of Discussion for December meeting with Sewer District
- ITEM 12:** Manager's Report
- ITEM 13:** Comments from the Public
- ITEM 14:** Request for information and Town Council Comments
- ITEM 15:** Review and Signature of AP Town Warrant #8 and #9. Town Payroll #9 and #10. School Payroll warrant #7, #8 and #9 and School Warrant #7, #8 and #9.
- ITEM 16:** Adjournment

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# **Agenda Items For November 19, 2018 Council Meeting**

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

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

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

**ITEM 5A:** Minutes from the Special Town meeting will be reviewed

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

**ITEM 7:** Assessor Ben Birch will provide an update

**ITEM 8:** Code Enforcement is requesting Council permission to work with legal staff to start an 80K action against a resident who has not taken action on a notice of violation. Notices of violation and pictures are included for review

**Suggested Motion - I motion we authorize Code Enforcement Larson and Manager Leonard to work with legal staff to bring an 80K action against Robert W. Kelly**

**ITEM 9:** Manager Leonard will present the draft FY 19-20 Budget Schedule for approval. Superintendent Cyr has seen the schedule and agrees with the dates proposed.

**Suggested Motion - I motion we approve the FY 19-20 Budget Schedule as presented**

**ITEM 10:** Manager Leonard will discuss how to proceed with the termination of the TIF Consultant who was retained by the Council in September of 2017. Since the signing of the engagement letter, movement on a new TIF agreement has been limited and 2 of the properties we were interested in putting in a TIF have been sold. To date \$6,500.00 has been spent on the consultant.

**Suggested Motion - I motion we authorize Manager Leonard, with the guidance of legal staff, to terminate the engagement letter dated 09/11/2017 between the Town of Veazie and Rudman and Winchell for legal services regarding the TIF**

**ITEM 11:** Council will discuss any additional topics they wish to have the Sewer District address at the December meeting.



Veazie Special Town Meeting  
October 29th, 2018

**Members Present:** Chairman Chris Bagley, Councilor David King, Councilor Paul Messer, Councilor Jeff Manter, Town Manager Mark Leonard, Deputy Clerk Julie Strout, Deputy Tax Collector/Treasurer Julie Reed, Principal Matt Cyr, School Board Members, Kristen Bagley, William Reed, Paul Dupuis, Valli Vel, Todd Zerfoss and various members of the public.

**ITEM 1: Call to order**

Manager Mark Leonard called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

**ARTICLE 1:** Council Chair Chris Bagley made a motion, seconded by Councilor David King to elect Jonathan A. Pottle to be the Moderator and reside over the special town meeting for the Town of Veazie on October 29, 2018 at 6:35pm. There was a written vote. 19 Yes 0 No 1 Blank. Motion carried.

**ARTICLE 2:** (written ballot required) Shall the following amendments to Articles 25 and 26, as approved at the Annual Town Meeting and School Budget Meeting, held on June 12, 2018 and validated at the Town School Budget Validation Referendum held on June 19, 2018, be adopted?  
School Board Member William Reed made a motion, seconded by Council Chair Chris Bagley to approve Article 2 as presented. There was a written vote. 20 Yes 0 No. Motion carried.

**AMENDED ARTICLES #25 & #26**

**ARTICLE 25- (requires a recorded vote):** To see what sum the Town will appropriate for the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act, and to see what sum the Town will raise as the Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15688.

School Committee/Budget Committee/Town Council Recommends (~~\$2,974,341.15~~)

\$2,545,443.81 be appropriated and (~~\$1,076,875.61~~) \$1,972,618.00 be raised.

*Explanation: The Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act is the amount of money determined by state law to be the minimum amount that a municipality must raise in order to receive the full amount of state dollars.*

**ARTICLE 26- (requires a written ballot):** To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate in additional local funds as required to fund the budget recommended by the school committee.

School Committee/Budget Committee/Town Council Recommends (~~\$1,001,723.15~~)

\$1,004,772.95, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by (~~\$1,004,772.95~~) \$964,772.95.

The School Committee gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by (~~\$1,004,772.95~~) \$964,772.95: The essential programs and services funding model does not provide funding to fully cover the actual costs of special education programming, student transportation, system administration, and co-curricular and extra-curricular programming. If student enrollment remains static or declines, and/or property



valuation continue to increase at a rate faster than the state average, the formula will calculate lower EPS total allocations and /or higher local contributions.

*Explanation: The additional local funds are those locally raised funds over and above the Town's local contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and local amounts raided for the annual payment on non-state funded debt service that will help achieve the Town budget for educational programs.*

Motion to adjourn was made by Councilor David King and seconded by Chairman Chris Bagley at 6:41pm.

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Mark Leonard, Town Manager





Veazie Town Council Meeting  
October 15th, 2018

**Members Present:** Chairman Chris Bagley, Councilor David King, Councilor Michael Reid, Councilor Paul Messer, Councilor Jeff Manter, Town Manager Mark Leonard, Secretary Julie Strout, Glen Kennedy, Dr. David Cloutier 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:**

All present

**ITEM 3: Pledge of Allegiance**

**ITEM 4: Consideration of the Agenda**

None

**ITEM 5: Approval of the September 17th, 2018 Regular Council Meeting Minutes.**

Councilor Michael Reid made a motion, seconded by Councilor Jeff Manter to approve the September 17th, 2018 Regular Council Meeting Minutes as written. Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried.

**ITEM 6: Comments from the Public**

None.

**New Business:**

**ITEM 7: Special Town Meeting Discussion**

Councilor Paul Messer made a motion, seconded by Councilor David King to accept the Orders to be adopted by Municipal Officials as presented for the Special Town meeting to be held on October 29, 2018 and the School Budget Validation Referendum to be held on November 6, 2018. Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried.

**ITEM 8: Update from Principal/Superintendent Cyr**

Principal Cyr presented the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter financials and provided an update to the Council.

**ITEM 9: Zone Change Approval**

Councilor David King made a motion, seconded by Councilor Paul Messer to approve the zone change on Assessors Tax Map 13 Lot 24 from R-3 (suburban residential) to C-1 Commercial. Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried.

**ITEM 10: Community Center Lease Extension Discussion**

Councilor Michael Reid made a motion, seconded by Councilor David King to extend the lease with Eastern Maine School of Self Defense for the term of 36 months starting January 1, 2019 with rent being due the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month. With the only changes being made to the current lease being, Eastern Maine School of Self Defense will take over the cleaning of the bathrooms and emptying of the trash for the building. The rent will remain \$600.00 for the first 12 months and then increase by \$50.00 each additional year. Also add in the additional points as discussed in the meeting. Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried.



**ITEM 11: FD Funding Request**

Councilor Paul Messer made a motion, seconded by Councilor Jeff Manter to authorize the Fire Department to apply for the 2018 Assistance to Firefighter's Grant. Furthermore, if the grant request is approved, the Town of Veazie will accept the funding. Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried.

**Old Business:**

**ITEM 12: Marijuana Moratorium**

Councilor Jeff Manter made a motion, seconded by Councilor David King to approve the moratorium ordinance as presented. Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried.

**ITEM 13: FY 18-19 Goals and Objectives**

Councilors looked over the Goals and Objectives.

**ITEM 14: Manager's Report**

Manager Leonard reviewed his report with the Councilor's.

**ITEM 12: Comments from the Public**

Mrs. Walker had a concern about the new brush that was cleared and not picked up which could cause a culvert blockage.

Asst. Chief Metcalf wanted to notify everyone about an informational meeting on Residential Fire Sprinklers that will be held on Thursday, October 18<sup>th</sup> in the Council Chambers.

**ITEM 13: Requests for information and Town Council Comments**

Manager Leonard reminded the Councilor's about their training on Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 to 8:30 at the Black Bear Inn.

**ITEM 14: Review & sign of AP Town Warrant #6 & #7, Town Payroll #7 & #8, School Payroll Warrant #6 and AP School Warrant #6.**

The warrants were circulated and signed.

**ITEM 15: Adjournment**

Councilor Paul Messer motioned to adjourn.

Councilor David King seconded. No discussion. Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried.

Adjourned at 7:42pm

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Julie Strout, Deputy Clerk



MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD



To: Mark E. Leonard, Town Manager  
CC: Veazie, Town Council  
FROM: Benjamin F. Birch Jr., Assessor  
Date: November 13, 2018

RE: Assessor's Update as of November 13, 2018

As Assessor, I thank you 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 (June 20, 2018) – Sales of Maine's single-family existing homes decreased 1.38 percent last month, due to limited market inventory. Prices however, continue to rise; according to Maine Listings, the statewide median sales price (MSP) increased 9.95 percent to \$219, 900.

"Even though the May sold numbers show a slight dip, existing home sales for January through May 2018 are running 1.6 percent above 2017 pace, which was the strongest year ever for Maine real estate sales," says Kim Gleason, 2018 President of the Maine Association of REALTOR and Broker/Owner of McAllister Real Estate in Hallowell.  
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**AUGUSTA (July 23, 2018)** – The Maine summer real estate sales season is in full swing. According to the Maine Association of REALTOR, REALTORS around the state sold 1,937 single-family existing homes in June 2018, an increase of 2.54 percent over June 2017. Home values experience double-digit gains, with a 10.98 percent jump in the median sales price to \$227, 500.

“It’s been a strong year for much of Maine and inventory is moving quickly, “says Kim Gleason, 2018 President of the Maine Association of REALTORS and Broker/Owner of McAllister Real Estate in Hallowell.  
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**Augusta (August 22, 2018)** – Maine experienced solid gains in both sales prices and sales volume for single-family home sales during the month of July. Maine Listings reported that, 1,864 homes changed hands last month – an increase of 9.65 percent for the same period last year – and the median sales price jumped 9,22 to \$225,000.

“For-sale inventory is coming onto the market, but statewide we’re seeing 12 percent fewer homes for sale than a year ago.” Says Kim Gleason, 2018 President of the Maine Association of REALTORS and Broker/Owner of McAllister Real Estate in Hallowell. “Pricing is related to these market forces; home prices continue to rise, which is an advantage for current homeowners looking to build equity, but rising prices can become an obstacle for first-time buyers. In some Maine markets, price gains are outpacing income growth because of consistently low for-sale inventory levels.” Encl. 3

**AUGUSTA (September 20, 2018)** Strong sales continue in Maine’s single-family existing home market. According to Maine Listings, REALTORS sold 2,072 homes in August, equaling a 5.88 percent sales increase compared to August 2017. The median sales price for those homes increased 6.80 percent to \$220,000.

"The fourth quarter is traditionally a strong time for real estate transactions," Kim Gleason, 2018 President of the Maine Association of REALTORS and Broker/Owner of McAllister Real Estate in Hallowell.

Currently, there are more than 10,000 active for-sale residential listing statewide, with more coming onto the market very day. Buyers and sellers want to be settled before the holidays and take advantage of nay tax benefits prior to the year's end." Encl. 4

Augusta (October 19, 2018) – REALTORS across Maine report healthy long-term activity in most markets, despite a dip in sales during September. According to Maine Listings, sales of single-family existing homes eased 5.14 percent comparing September 2018 to September 2017. The value of those homes tracked statistically by the Median Sales Price (MSP), indicated a rise in home values of 3.75 percent to an MSP of \$215,000.

"REALTORS across Maine report steady business," says Kim Gleason, 2018 President of the Maine Association of REALTORS and Broker/Owner of McAllister Real Estate in Hallowell.

"While the September sales numbers show a decrease statewide, the rolling quarter sales are up 3.4 percent and year-to-date sales are up 2.5 percent compared to 2017. Real estate values continue to show a strong positive trend." Encl. 5

**B. The Office of the Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight (OFHEO) now the Federal Housing Finance Agency, recent news releases.**

**Washington, D.C (July 24, 2018) – FHFA House Price Index Up 0.2 Percent in May**

U.S. house prices rose in May, up 0.2 percent from the previous month, according to the Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA) seasonally adjusted month House Price Index (HPI). Encl. 6

**Washington, D.C. (August 23, 2018) – U.S. House Prices Rise 1.1 Percent in Second Quarter**

U.S. house prices rose 1.1 percent in the second quarter of 2018, according to the Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA) seasonally adjusted month House Price Index (HPI). House prices rose 6.5 percent from the second quarter of 2017 to the second quarter in 2018.

“Home prices rose in the second quarter but at a slower pace than we have seen for the past four year,” said Dr. William Doerner, Supervisory Economist. “Mortgage rates have increased by more than half a percentage point over the first six months of the year. Rates are still inexpensive from a historical standpoint, but their bump-up appears to have gently pressed the brakes on house price increases.” Encl. 7

**Washington, D.C. (September 25, 2018) – FHFA House Price Index Up 0.2 Percent in July**

U.S. house prices rose in July, up 0.2 percent from the previous month, according to the Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA) seasonally adjusted month House Price Index (HPI). The previously reported 0.2 percent increase in June was revised upward to 0.3 percent. Encl. 8



**Washington, D.C. (October 24, 2018) – FHFA House Price Index Up 0.3 Percent in August**

U.S. house prices rose in August, up 0.3 percent from the previous month, according to the Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA) seasonally adjusted month House Price Index (HPI). The previously reported 0.2 percent increase in July was revised upward to 0.4 percent. Encl. 9

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**MAINE REAL ESTATE SALES DIP SLIGHTLY IN MAY;  
PRICES INCREASE 9.95%**

AUGUSTA (June 20, 2018)—Sales of Maine's single-family existing homes decreased 1.38 percent last month, due to limited market inventory. Prices, however, continued to rise; according to Maine Listings, the statewide median sales price (MSP) increased 9.95 percent to \$219,900. The MSP indicates that half of the homes were sold for more and half sold for less.

"Even though the May sold numbers show a slight dip, existing home sales for January through May 2018 are running 1.6 percent above the 2017 pace, which was the strongest year ever for Maine real estate sales," says Kim Gleason, 2018 President of the Maine Association of REALTORS® and Broker/Owner of McAllister Real Estate in Hallowell.

"REALTORS® statewide are reporting steady business, with many markets reporting that multiple offers are prevalent, due to the tight for-sale inventory conditions. Statewide, we have 14 percent fewer homes for sale than a year ago, and 32 percent fewer than 2016. We're seeing upward pressure on pricing in those markets due to the limited supply."

According to the National Association of Realtors, sales nationwide eased three percent over the past 12 months, while the national MSP rose 5.2 percent to \$267,500. Regionally, sales in the Northeast decreased 11.7 percent and the MSP dipped 1.8 percent to \$275,900.

"In all markets, REALTORS® have industry relationships, experience, and expert market insights to help consumers navigate real estate transactions and be informed decision-makers," adds Gleason.

Below are two charts showing statistics for Maine and its 16 counties. The first chart lists statistics for the month of May only, statewide. The second chart compares the number of existing, single-family homes sold (units) and volume (MSP) during the rolling quarter of March, April and May of 2017 and 2018.

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## **MAINE SINGLE-FAMILY HOME SALES AND PRICES UP IN JUNE**

AUGUSTA (July 23, 2018)—The Maine summer real estate sales season is in full swing. According to the Maine Association of REALTORS®, REALTORS® around the state sold 1,937 single-family existing homes in June 2018, an increase of 2.54 percent over June 2017. Home values experienced double-digit gains, with a 10.98 percent jump in the median sales price to \$227,500. The MSP indicates that half of the homes were sold for more and half sold for less.

"It's been a strong year for much of Maine and inventory is moving quickly," says Kim Gleason, 2018 President of the Maine Association of REALTORS® and Broker/Owner of McAllister Real Estate in Hallowell. "The number of sales during the first six months of 2018 are nearly 2 percent ahead of the first six months of 2017, which was Maine's best ever.

"In some areas of Maine, the markets are tight—multiple offers are prevalent, and prices show upward pressure."

The National Association of Realtors today reported a national sales dip of 2.3 percent, while prices rose 5.2 percent to an MSP of \$279,300. Regionally, home sales in the Northeast eased 4.0 percent over the past year and the regional MSP increased 3.3 percent to \$305,900.

"Maine real estate continues to be a great investment, and those thinking of buying or selling need to consult early on with a REALTOR® who is knowledgeable of the local area for the best strategy and successful outcome," adds Gleason.

Below are two charts showing statistics for Maine and its 16 counties. The first chart lists statistics for the month of June only, statewide. The second chart compares the number of existing, single-family homes sold (units) and volume (MSP) during the rolling quarter of April, May and June of 2017 and 2018.

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## **MAINE SINGLE-FAMILY HOME PRICES AND SALES UP MORE THAN 9 PERCENT IN JULY**

AUGUSTA (August 22, 2018)—Maine experienced solid gains in both sales prices and sales volume for single-family home sales during the month of July. Maine Listings reported that 1,864 home changed hands last month—an increase of 9.65 percent from the same period last year—and the median sales price jumped 9.22 percent to \$225,000. The MSP indicates that half of the homes were sold for more and half sold for less.

“For-sale inventory is coming onto the market, but statewide we’re seeing 12 percent fewer homes for sale than a year ago.” says Kim Gleason, 2018 President of the Maine Association of REALTORS® and Broker/Owner of McAllister Real Estate in Hallowell. “Pricing is related to these market forces; home prices continue to rise, which is an advantage for current homeowners looking to build equity, but rising prices can become an obstacle for first-time buyers. In some Maine markets, price gains are outpacing income growth because of consistently low for-sale inventory levels.”

Nationally, sales dipped 1.2 percent in the past year. According to data released today by The National Association of Realtors, the national MSP increased 4.6 percent to \$272,300 in July. The regional Northeast experienced a 1.5 sales decrease in July, while the regional MSP jumped 6.8 percent to \$309,700.

“There are still more than 10,000 active for-sale listings statewide, and autumn is a great time of year to search for your perfect home; sellers are motivated to move before the holidays and Maine winter. Contact your local REALTOR® to counsel you on the dynamics of the real estate market where you want to live.”

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## **MAINE HOME SALES UP 5.88 PERCENT IN AUGUST; PRICES INCREASED 6.80 PERCENT**

AUGUSTA (September 20, 2018)—Strong sales continue in Maine's single-family existing homes market. According to Maine Listings, REALTORS® sold 2,072 homes in August, equaling a 5.88 percent sales increase compared to August 2017. The median sales price for those homes increased 6.80 percent to \$220,000. The MSP indicates that half of the homes were sold for more and half sold for less.

"The fourth quarter is traditionally a strong time for real estate transactions," says Kim Gleason, 2018 President of the Maine Association of REALTORS® and Broker/Owner of McAllister Real Estate in Hallowell.

"Currently, there are more than 10,000 active for-sale residential listings statewide, with more coming onto the market every day. Buyers and sellers want to be settled before the holidays and take advantage of any tax benefits prior to year's end."

Nationally, sales dipped 1.0 percent over the past year, while the MSP increased 4.9 percent to \$267,300. The regional Northeast experienced a 2.7 percent sales decrease and the MSP rose 2.6 percent to \$292,800.

"REALTORS® across Maine report that the availability of for-sale inventory continues to slow prospective buyers, yet sales through the first eight months of 2018 are nearly four percent ahead of the same time period in 2017," said Gleason, "To date, 2018 has been a banner year for real estate."

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**MAINE HOME SALES DIPPED 5.14 PERCENT LAST MONTH;  
VALUES CONTINUE TO RISE**

AUGUSTA (Oct.19, 2018)— REALTORS® across Maine report healthy long-term activity in most markets, despite a dip in sales during September. According to Maine Listings, sales of single-family existing homes eased 5.14 percent comparing September 2018 to September 2017. The value of those homes, tracked statistically by the Median Sales Price (MSP), indicates a rise in home values of 3.75 percent to an MSP of \$215,000. The MSP indicates that half of the homes were sold for more and half sold for less.

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“While the September sales numbers show a decrease statewide, the rolling quarter sales are up 3.4 percent and year-to-date sales are up 2.5 percent compared to 2017. Real estate values continue to show a strong positive trend.”

Nationally, sales of single-family existing homes nationwide decreased 4.0 percent in the past year, and reports released today by the National Association of REALTORS show a 4.6 percent increase in the national MSP of \$260,500. Regionally, sales in the Northeast declined 5.6 percent, while the regional MSP increased 4.1 percent to \$286,200.

“With steady employment and good credit, owning a home is a good financial decision and one of the best ways to build financial security over the long term,” says Gleason. “A fixed-rate mortgage might last 15 to 30 years while rents have been rising for several consecutive years. Contact a REALTOR® to learn more about your local market conditions and to help achieve your real estate goals.”

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# FEDERAL HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY



## NEWS RELEASE

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For Immediate Release  
July 24, 2018

**Contact:** Stefanie Johnson (202) 649-3030  
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### **FHFA House Price Index Up 0.2 Percent in May**

**Washington, D.C.** – U.S. house prices rose in May, up **0.2 percent** from the previous month, according to the Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA) seasonally adjusted monthly House Price Index (HPI). The previously reported 0.1 percent increase in April was revised upward to 0.2 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 May 2017 to May 2018, house prices were up **6.4 percent**.

For the nine census divisions, seasonally adjusted monthly price changes from April 2018 to May 2018 ranged from **-0.6 percent** in the East North Central division to **+1.5 percent** in the East South Central division. The 12-month changes were all positive, ranging from **+4.9 percent** in the West South Central division to **+9.1 percent** in the Mountain division.

Monthly index values and appreciation rate estimates for recent periods are provided in the tables 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 August 23, 2018 and will include data for the second quarter of 2018 and monthly data through June 2018.

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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 \$6.1 trillion in funding for the U.S. mortgage markets and financial institutions.*

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

	Apr 18 - May 18	0.2%	0.2%	0.3%	0.2%	0.4%	-0.6%	1.5%	0.3%	-0.2%	0.6%
Mar 18 - Apr 18 (Previous Estimate)	0.2%	0.1%	0.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.7%	0.3%	0.6%	-0.8%	0.5%
Feb 18 - Mar 18 (Previous Estimate)	0.1%	0.1%	0.4%	-0.1%	-0.5%	-0.3%	0.6%	0.4%	0.5%	-0.4%	0.3%
Jan 18 - Feb 18 (Previous Estimate)	0.2%	-0.3%	0.9%	0.7%	-0.3%	-0.2%	-0.1%	-0.4%	-0.8%	1.5%	0.1%
Dec 17 - Jan 18 (Previous Estimate)	0.9%	1.3%	0.4%	0.4%	1.8%	0.8%	0.8%	1.0%	1.0%	1.2%	0.3%
Nov 17 - Dec 17 (Previous Estimate)	0.8%	1.4%	0.3%	0.4%	1.6%	0.7%	0.7%	1.0%	1.0%	0.2%	0.7%
12-Month Change:	0.9%	1.3%	1.0%	1.3%	-0.4%	1.3%	1.3%	0.7%	0.6%	0.1%	0.6%
May 17 - May 18	0.9%	1.2%	0.9%	1.3%	-0.2%	1.3%	1.3%	0.5%	0.6%	0.7%	1.1%
	0.5%	0.7%	0.7%	-0.2%	0.4%	0.6%	0.6%	0.4%	1.0%	0.2%	1.1%
	0.5%	0.6%	0.6%	-0.3%	0.3%	0.6%	0.6%	0.5%	1.0%	0.3%	0.7%

## Monthly Index Values for Latest 18 Months: U.S. and Census Divisions (Purchase-Only Index, Seasonally Adjusted, January 1991 = 100)

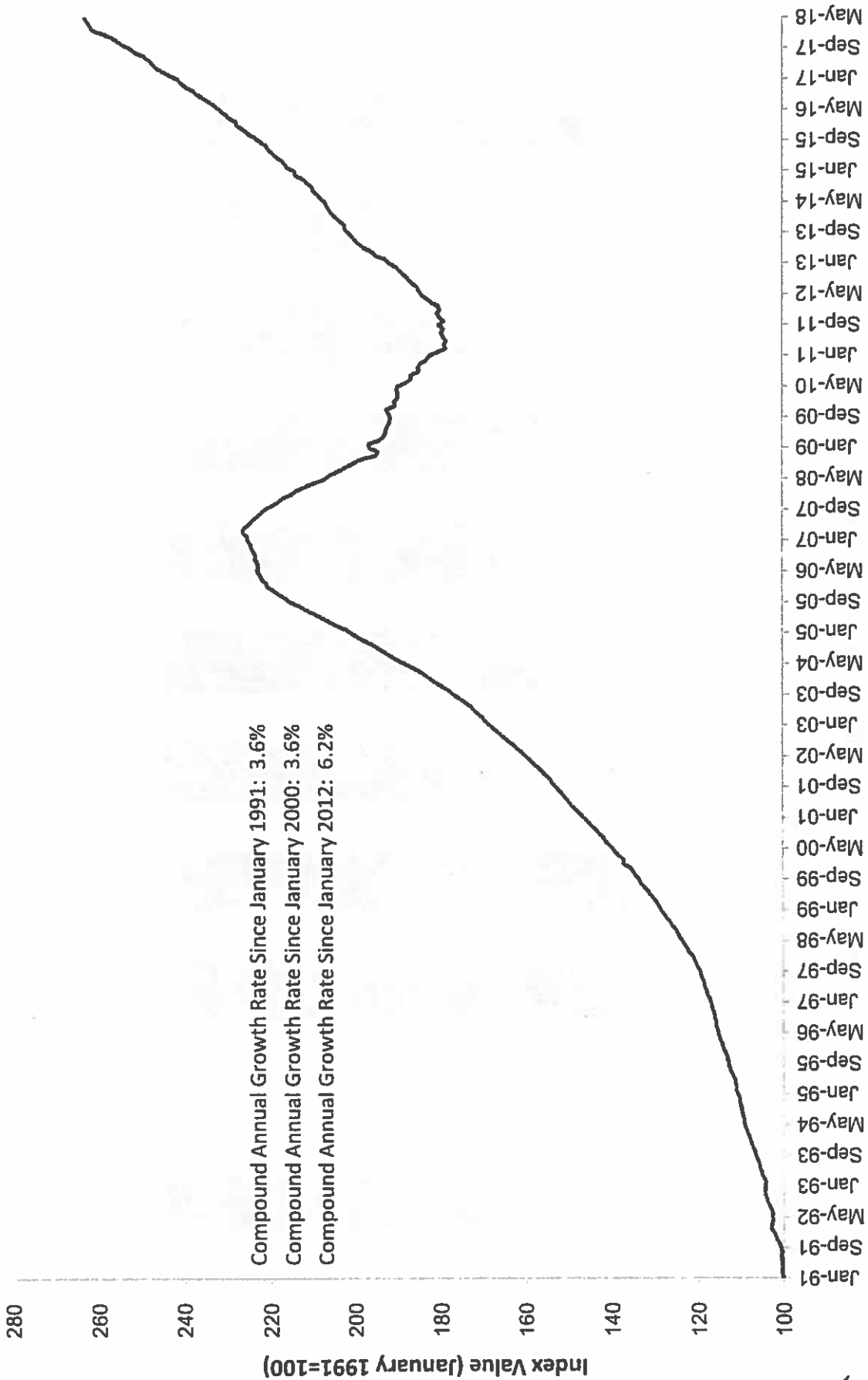
	May-18	263.3	306.7	352.9	260.3	277.2	217.2	240.7	249.7	234.7	268.2
April-18	262.6	306.2	351.9	259.8	276.2	218.4	237.1	249.0	235.3	266.5	265.3
March-18	262.0	305.8	349.6	259.9	276.2	216.8	236.5	247.5	237.1	265.0	263.1
February-18	261.6	306.7	346.6	258.1	277.0	217.1	237.5	249.3	233.6	260.2	258.4
January-18	259.4	302.6	345.2	257.1	272.1	215.3	235.1	246.9	233.1	256.5	255.6
December-17	257.1	298.8	341.9	253.9	273.2	212.6	233.4	245.4	231.4	254.6	252.3
November-17	255.8	296.8	339.6	254.3	272.2	211.4	232.5	242.9	230.8	250.4	250.2
October-17	254.4	294.3	335.8	251.8	270.2	210.6	234.9	243.0	230.4	249.4	247.1
September-17	252.6	293.1	332.5	251.1	268.8	209.3	229.3	240.8	227.5	245.0	244.0
August-17	251.4	290.9	328.9	249.2	268.0	208.0	230.4	239.9	225.6	243.4	243.4
July-17	249.3	286.2	327.7	248.1	264.9	206.9	229.2	238.8	225.3		
June-17	248.1	286.9	324.8	248.2	264.6	204.9	227.7	237.6	224.1		
May-17	247.3	285.0	323.5	247.1	264.2	205.2	224.8	236.3	223.6		
April-17	246.4	282.5	321.4	245.0	263.0	204.5	225.0	237.4	224.4		
March-17	244.7	280.6	318.9	244.5	259.2	204.2	225.6	235.8	221.9		
February-17	243.3	277.3	317.0	242.9	259.2	202.5	224.5	234.5	222.5		
January-17	241.2	275.5	313.0	241.9	257.2	201.0	220.1	232.0	219.5		
December-16	240.5	274.1	312.3	241.6	254.5	200.4	222.5	230.9	219.0		

Source: FHFA



# Monthly House Price Index for U.S.

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

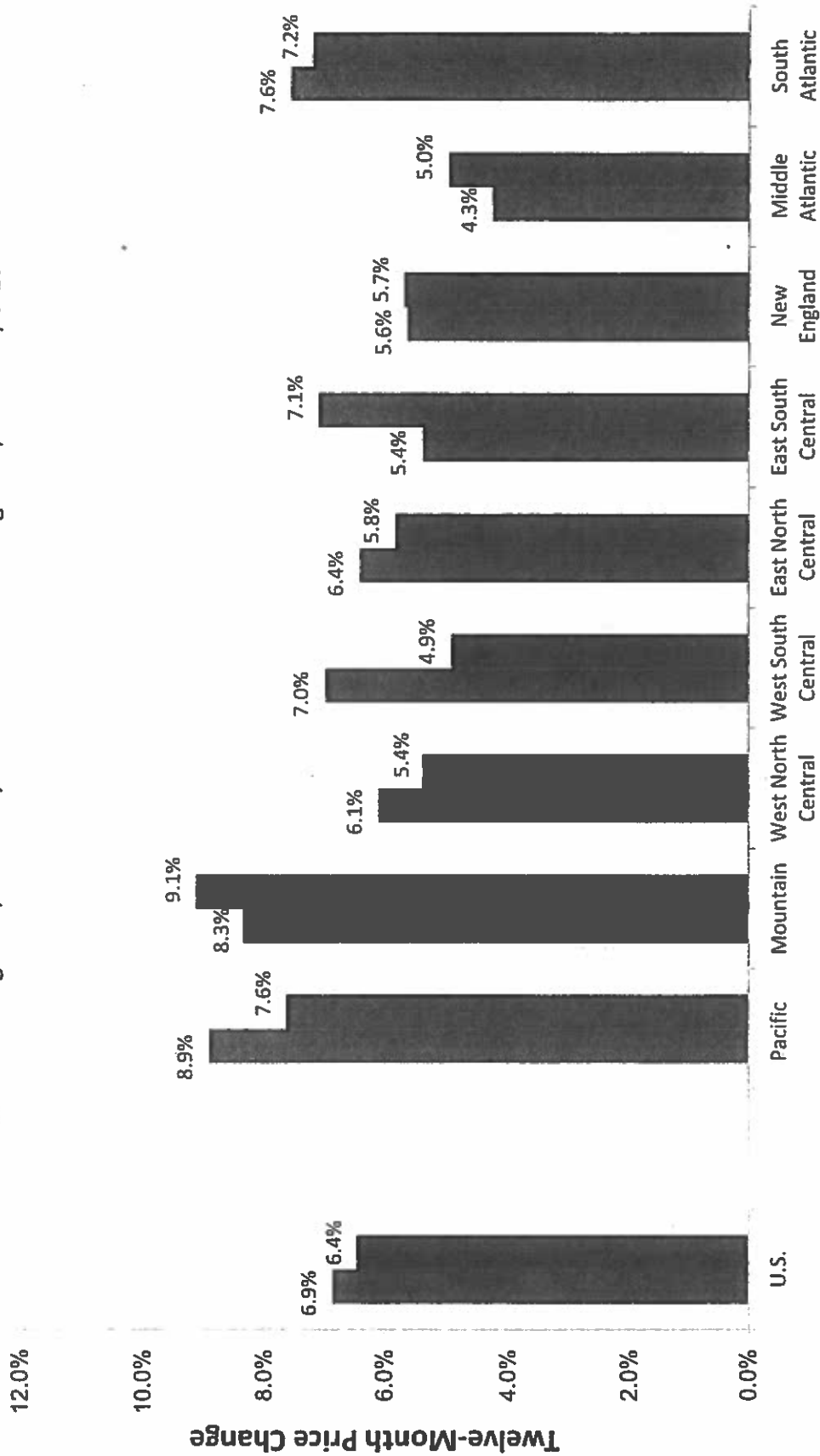


Compound Annual Growth Rate Since January 1991: 3.6%  
Compound Annual Growth Rate Since January 2000: 3.6%  
Compound Annual Growth Rate Since January 2012: 6.2%

Source: FHFA

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

■ Price Change: 05/2016 - 05/2017    ■ Price Change: 05/2017 - 05/2018



Source: FHFA

**U.S. Census Divisions**  
**Percent Change in House Prices**  
Seasonally Adjusted, Purchase-Only HPI

***Period ended June 30, 2018***

Division	Division Ranking*	1-Yr	Qtr	5-Yr	Since 1991Q1
<b>USA</b>		<b>6.49%</b>	<b>1.11%</b>	<b>33.09%</b>	<b>159.90%</b>
Mountain	1	9.54%	1.94%	47.15%	249.15%
Pacific	2	7.68%	0.64%	49.08%	203.57%
South Atlantic	3	6.82%	1.27%	36.56%	162.83%
East North Central	4	6.41%	1.18%	28.83%	115.40%
East South Central	5	5.93%	1.47%	25.70%	134.98%
West North Central	6	5.81%	1.25%	27.23%	157.56%
New England	7	5.38%	1.07%	22.29%	140.86%
Middle Atlantic	8	5.36%	0.72%	19.07%	135.37%
West South Central	9	4.95%	0.84%	32.40%	174.85%

**Source: FHFA**

\*Rankings based on annual percentage change.

# House Price Appreciation by State

## Percent Change in House Prices

Seasonally Adjusted, Purchase-Only HPI

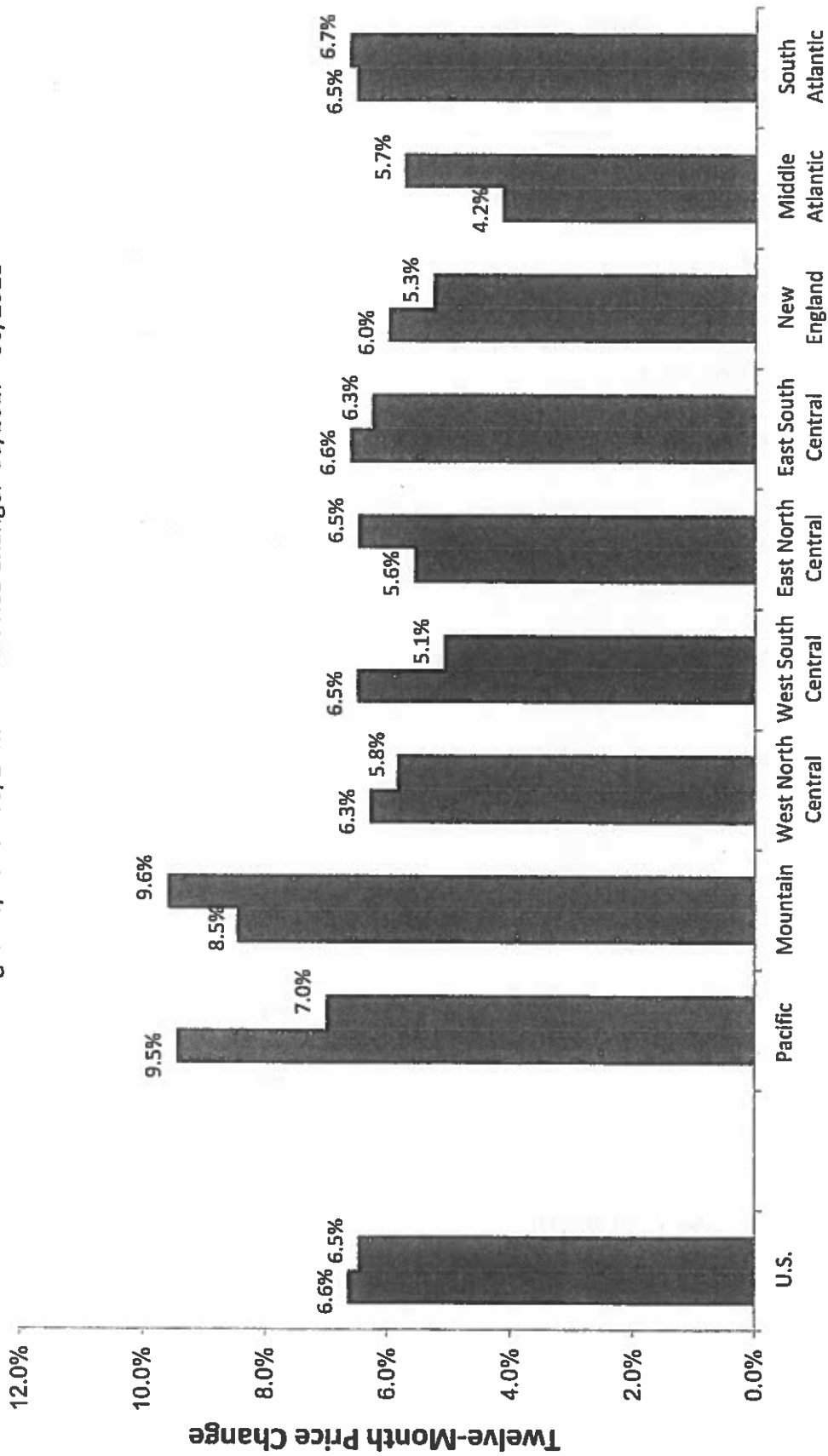
*Period ended June 30, 2018*

State	Rank*	1-Yr	Qtr	5-Yr	Since 1991Q1
Nevada (NV)	1	17.04%	4.31%	75.07%	158.85%
Idaho (ID)	2	13.05%	3.64%	51.42%	222.06%
District of Columbia (DC)	3	11.80%	2.83%	44.76%	472.80%
Utah (UT)	4	11.31%	2.90%	45.84%	306.27%
Washington (WA)	5	10.99%	1.61%	59.58%	262.21%
Colorado (CO)	6	9.56%	1.01%	59.81%	360.31%
Florida (FL)	7	8.53%	1.91%	54.98%	205.47%
South Carolina (SC)	8	8.33%	2.39%	34.91%	144.98%
Indiana (IN)	9	8.29%	1.83%	28.10%	108.67%
Rhode Island (RI)	10	8.11%	2.62%	32.25%	135.09%
Georgia (GA)	11	8.05%	1.90%	42.94%	139.81%
Oregon (OR)	12	7.92%	0.79%	52.50%	325.96%
Arizona (AZ)	13	7.76%	1.10%	44.56%	213.82%
Michigan (MI)	14	7.70%	1.40%	40.85%	126.59%
Tennessee (TN)	15	7.52%	1.33%	35.78%	159.75%
California (CA)	16	7.10%	0.36%	47.77%	179.96%
Wisconsin (WI)	17	7.07%	1.93%	27.62%	158.88%
Nebraska (NE)	18	6.85%	0.73%	29.55%	161.73%
New Hampshire (NH)	19	6.68%	1.48%	26.80%	149.23%
Maine (ME)	20	6.57%	2.53%	23.75%	150.78%
New York (NY)	21	6.49%	1.34%	21.12%	143.69%
<b>USA</b>		<b>6.49%</b>	<b>1.11%</b>	<b>33.09%</b>	<b>159.90%</b>
Minnesota (MN)	22	6.26%	1.24%	31.80%	185.33%
North Carolina (NC)	23	6.23%	1.09%	32.93%	142.34%
Alabama (AL)	24	6.08%	2.38%	21.49%	120.31%
Montana (MT)	25	6.04%	2.08%	28.29%	294.61%
Iowa (IA)	26	6.02%	2.21%	22.25%	147.28%
Texas (TX)	27	5.91%	0.72%	40.57%	187.58%

\*Rankings based on annual percentage change.

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

■ Price Change: 06/2016 - 06/2017    ■ Price Change: 06/2017 - 06/2018



Source: FHFA

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## Rankings by Metropolitan Areas

### Percent Change in House Prices with MSA Rankings

All-transactions HPI which includes purchase and refinance mortgages

*Period ended June 30, 2018*

Metropolitan Statistical Area	National Ranking*	1-Yr	Qtr	5-Yr
Ogden-Clearfield, UT	17	11.30%	4.25%	44.84%
Oklahoma City, OK	180	4.64%	2.15%	21.96%
Olympia-Tumwater, WA	26	10.59%	2.02%	43.32%
Omaha-Council Bluffs, NE-IA	98	7.20%	3.18%	27.67%
Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford, FL	43	9.59%	2.39%	59.86%
Oshkosh-Neenah, WI	50	9.26%	3.69%	21.74%
Oxnard-Thousand Oaks-Ventura, CA	191	4.31%	0.37%	40.82%
Palm Bay-Melbourne-Titusville, FL	19	11.15%	3.78%	75.26%
Pensacola-Ferry Pass-Brent, FL	69	8.56%	5.01%	38.56%
Peoria, IL	245	-1.95%	-0.06%	0.81%
Philadelphia, PA (MSAD)	82	7.60%	2.53%	25.66%
Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale, AZ	51	9.24%	2.52%	53.19%
Pittsburgh, PA	183	4.50%	3.21%	22.02%
Portland-South Portland, ME	100	7.13%	2.09%	24.81%
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro, OR-WA	92	7.31%	3.10%	62.09%
Port St. Lucie, FL	22	10.76%	3.64%	79.80%
Prescott, AZ	23	10.65%	6.01%	55.14%
Providence-Warwick, RI-MA	101	7.09%	2.32%	27.86%
Provo-Orem, UT	40	9.68%	3.06%	47.06%
Racine, WI	64	8.84%	3.39%	24.27%
Raleigh, NC	134	6.23%	3.55%	35.88%
Reading, PA	195	3.94%	0.44%	13.33%
Redding, CA	136	6.16%	2.75%	35.83%
Reno, NV	5	13.76%	5.26%	89.02%
Richmond, VA	110	6.80%	2.18%	27.27%
Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario, CA	55	9.03%	2.58%	59.60%
Roanoke, VA	225	2.58%	2.07%	11.59%
Rochester, MN	175	4.99%	1.85%	29.18%
Rochester, NY	112	6.79%	4.33%	16.73%
Rockford, IL	102	7.07%	5.69%	13.17%
Rockingham County-Strafford County, NH (MSAD)	72	8.19%	3.20%	31.04%

\*Rankings based on annual percentage change for all MSAs containing at least 15,000 transactions over the last 10 years.

**Unranked Metropolitan Areas**  
**Percent Change in House Prices for MSAs and**  
**Divisions Not Ranked in Previous Tables**  
All-transactions HPI which includes purchase and refinance mortgages

*Period ended June 30, 2018*

Metropolitan Statistical Area	1-Yr	5-Yr
Jonesboro, AR	3.65%	14.81%
Joplin, MO	6.11%	12.65%
Kahului-Wailuku-Lahaina, HI	1.02%	44.54%
Killeen-Temple, TX	5.77%	19.29%
Kingsport-Bristol-Bristol, TN-VA	0.96%	8.24%
Kokomo, IN	10.02%	27.04%
Lake Charles, LA	2.53%	23.86%
Lakeland-Winter Haven, FL	10.72%	55.73%
Laredo, TX	9.78%	27.93%
Las Cruces, NM	4.54%	8.54%
Lawton, OK	-1.79%	0.61%
Lebanon, PA	11.04%	13.20%
Lewiston, ID-WA	5.78%	25.76%
Lewiston-Auburn, ME	3.99%	17.25%
Lima, OH	1.22%	15.87%
Longview, TX	1.26%	8.23%
Longview, WA	11.56%	56.45%
Macon, GA	4.30%	12.10%
Madera, CA	11.53%	54.26%
Manhattan, KS	3.83%	12.69%
Mansfield, OH	5.35%	17.31%
McAllen-Edinburg-Mission, TX	8.32%	22.46%
Michigan City-La Porte, IN	7.68%	20.29%
Midland, MI	5.37%	13.23%
Midland, TX	10.28%	28.57%
Monroe, LA	-0.08%	13.63%
Morgantown, WV	2.79%	14.68%

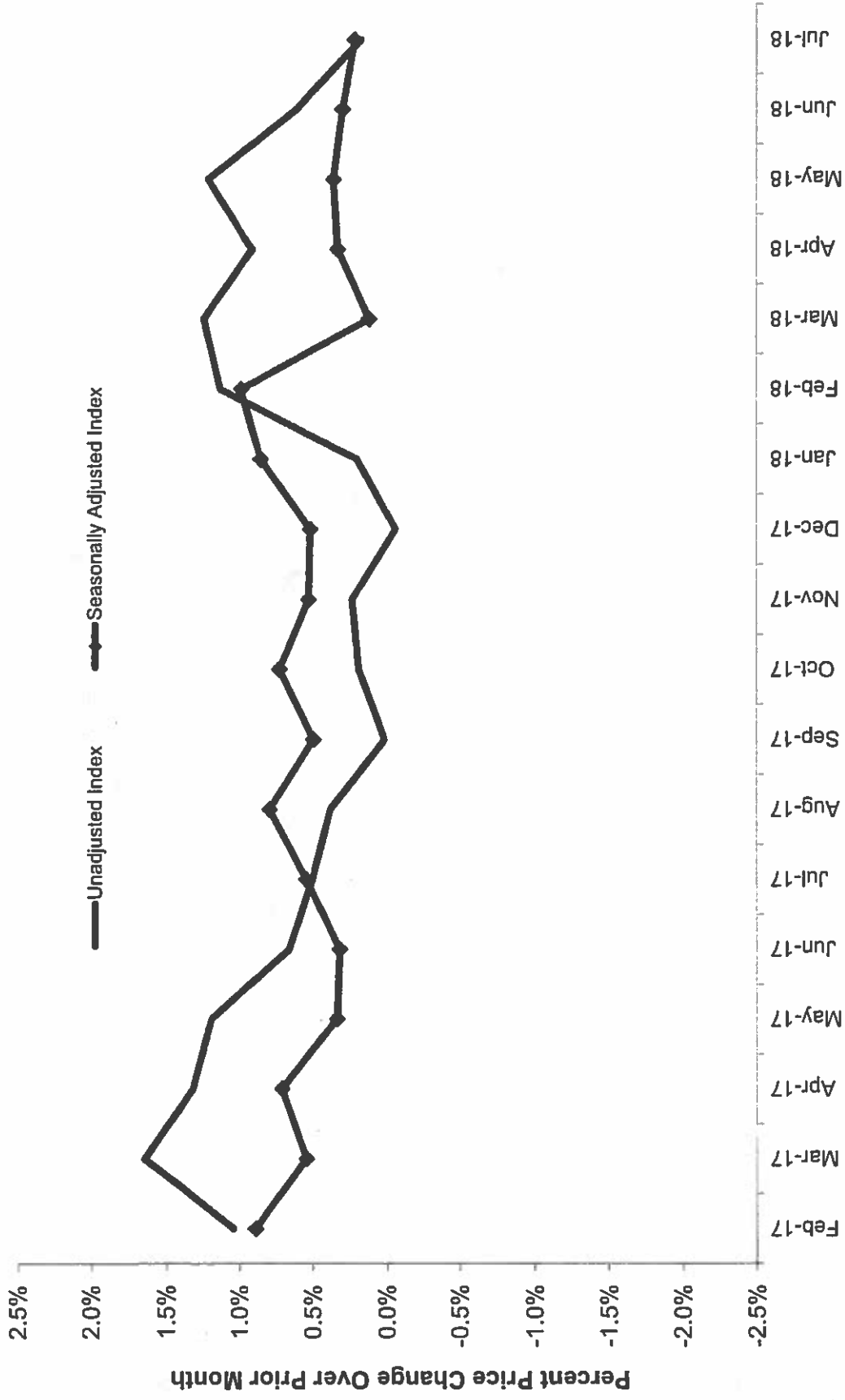
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## **States in Each Census Division**

<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



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



Source: FHFA

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

Purchase-Only, Seasonally Adjusted Index



Source: FHFA

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# FEDERAL HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY



## NEWS RELEASE

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For Immediate Release  
October 24, 2018

**Contact:** Stefanie Johnson (202) 649-3030  
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### **FHFA House Price Index Up 0.3 Percent in August**

**Washington, D.C.** – U.S. house prices rose in August, up **0.3 percent** from the previous month, according to the Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA) seasonally adjusted monthly House Price Index (HPI). The previously reported 0.2 percent increase in July was revised upward to 0.4 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 August 2017 to August 2018, house prices were up **6.1 percent**.

For the nine census divisions, seasonally adjusted monthly price changes from July 2018 to August 2018 ranged from **-0.7 percent** in the Middle Atlantic division to **+0.8 percent** in the Pacific division. The 12-month changes were all positive, ranging from **+4.0 percent** in the Middle Atlantic division to **+8.4 percent** in the Mountain division.

Monthly index values and appreciation rate estimates for recent periods are provided in the tables and graphs on the following pages. Downloadable data and HPI release dates for 2018 and 2019 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 November 27, 2018 and will include data for the third quarter of 2018 and monthly data through September 2018.

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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 \$6.2 trillion in funding for the U.S. mortgage markets and financial institutions.*

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

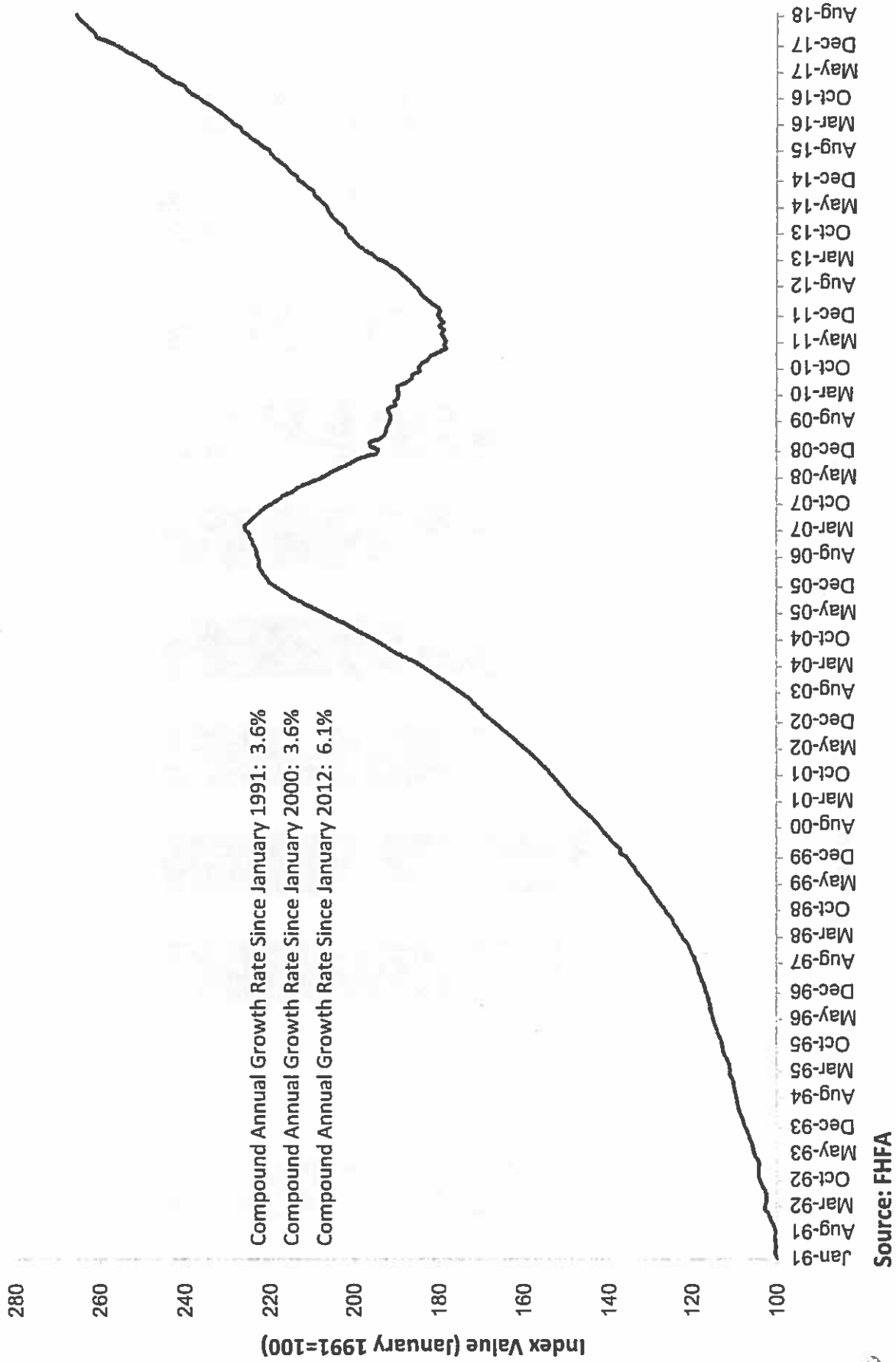
	Jul 18 - Aug 18	0.3%	0.8%	0.0%	0.1%	0.4%	0.2%	0.3%	0.7%	-0.7%	0.4%
<b>12-Month Change:</b>											
Aug 17 - Aug 18		6.1%	7.3%	8.4%	6.0%	4.5%	6.1%	5.6%	5.2%	4.0%	6.8%
Jun 18 - Jul 18 (Previous Estimate)	0.4%	0.4%	0.2%	-0.1%	0.4%	0.0%	0.4%	-0.2%	-0.1%	0.3%	1.0%
May 18 - Jun 18 (Previous Estimate)	0.2%	0.3%	0.5%	0.7%	0.0%	-0.1%	0.2%	-0.5%	-0.1%	-0.2%	1.1%
Apr 18 - May 18 (Previous Estimate)	0.3%	0.3%	0.5%	0.6%	0.5%	-0.1%	0.4%	1.0%	0.0%	0.6%	-0.3%
Mar 18 - Apr 18 (Previous Estimate)	0.4%	0.4%	0.1%	0.6%	0.5%	0.8%	-0.2%	0.9%	-0.1%	0.7%	-0.3%
Feb 18 - Mar 18 (Previous Estimate)	0.4%	0.4%	0.0%	0.7%	0.7%	0.7%	-0.3%	1.3%	0.5%	-0.1%	0.6%
	0.4%	0.4%	0.3%	0.7%	0.1%	0.7%	0.8%	1.3%	0.6%	-0.1%	0.6%
	0.3%	0.3%	0.2%	0.6%	0.1%	-0.1%	0.9%	0.4%	0.7%	-0.7%	0.7%
	0.1%	0.1%	-0.2%	0.7%	0.8%	-0.5%	-0.2%	-0.5%	-0.6%	1.7%	0.5%
	0.1%	0.1%	-0.2%	0.7%	0.8%	-0.4%	-0.2%	-0.4%	-0.7%	1.5%	0.1%

## Monthly Index Values for Latest 18 Months: U.S. and Census Divisions (Purchase-Only Index, Seasonally Adjusted, January 1991 = 100)

	Aug-18	July-18	June-18	May-18	April-18	March-18	February-18	January-18	December-17	November-17	October-17	September-17	August-17	July-17	June-17	May-17	April-17	March-17
U.S.	266.0	265.4	264.4	263.6	262.6	261.7	261.3	258.7	256.6	255.3	253.9	252.1	250.8	248.9	247.5	246.8	245.8	244.0
Atlantic	311.6	309.3	308.0	306.4	306.0	305.2	305.9	302.0	298.1	296.3	293.6	292.6	290.3	286.4	286.3	284.3	281.9	280.0
Northwest	356.1	356.1	356.3	353.8	351.7	349.4	347.1	344.5	341.4	339.1	335.5	332.1	328.4	327.6	324.5	322.6	321.0	318.3
South	264.1	263.8	262.7	261.5	260.2	259.9	257.8	257.0	253.4	253.6	251.7	250.8	249.2	247.2	247.5	246.7	244.9	244.3
West	279.1	277.9	278.0	277.9	275.7	275.9	277.2	271.3	272.8	271.9	269.8	268.3	267.2	264.7	263.6	263.7	262.3	258.2
East	219.9	219.4	218.5	217.6	218.1	216.3	216.7	214.9	212.4	211.0	210.1	208.7	207.3	206.4	204.3	204.6	204.0	203.5
Southwest	242.7	242.0	242.4	240.0	236.9	236.2	237.4	234.7	233.3	232.2	234.3	228.9	229.9	228.4	227.1	224.6	224.3	224.8
North	251.7	249.9	250.2	250.3	248.9	247.2	248.8	246.1	244.9	242.6	242.6	240.5	239.2	238.7	237.5	236.0	236.3	235.4
West	235.8	237.5	236.8	235.3	235.5	237.1	233.2	232.4	230.8	230.0	229.7	227.7	226.8	224.9	223.5	223.0	223.6	221.2
South	271.2	270.1	267.4	268.3	266.8	264.9	264.6	262.2	259.7	257.9	256.0	254.9	253.9	251.8	250.0	249.6	248.7	246.1

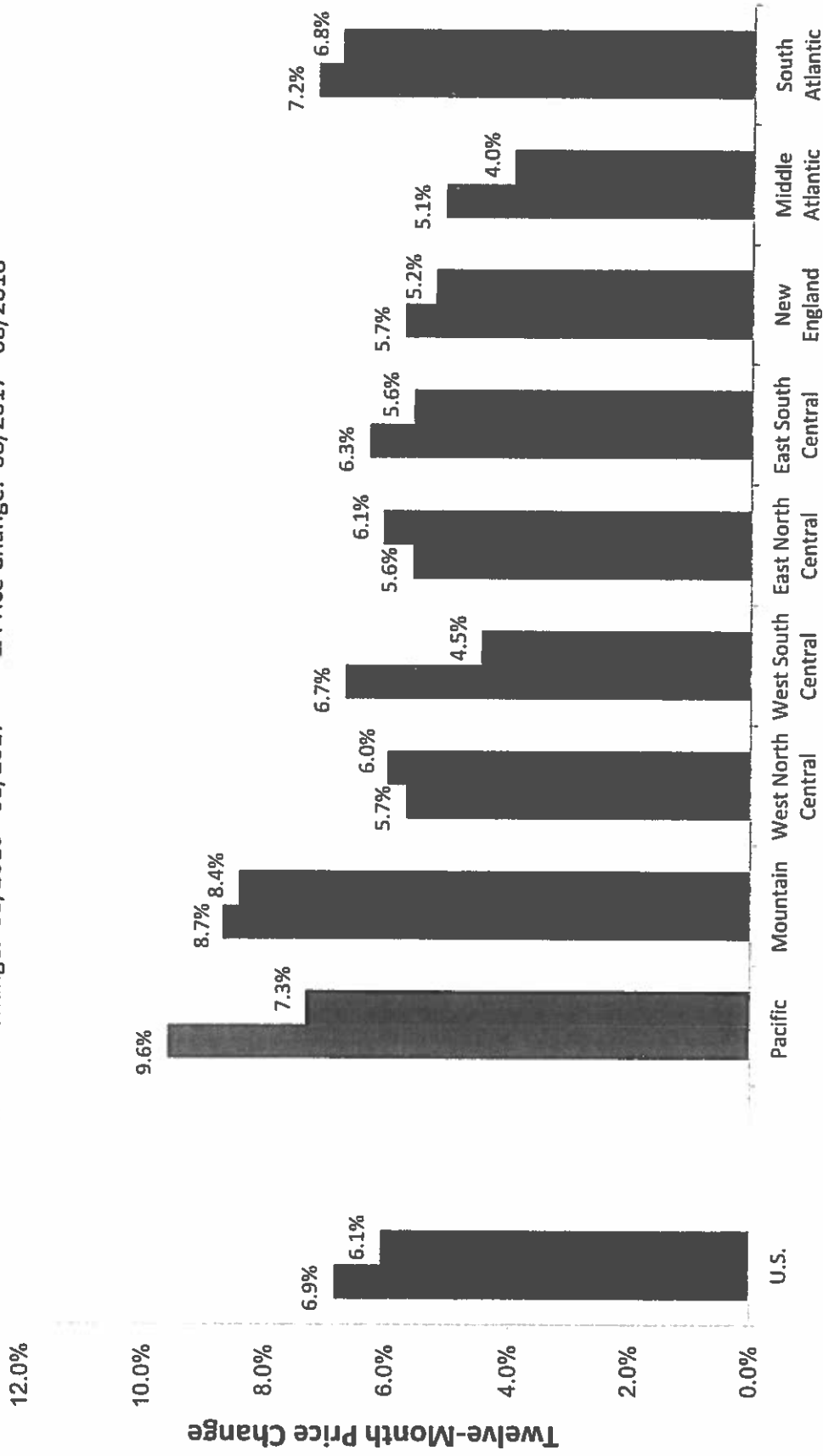
## Monthly House Price Index for U.S.

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



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

■ Price Change: 08/2016 - 08/2017   ■ Price Change: 08/2017 - 08/2018



Source: FHFA



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Date: September 18, 2018

TO: Veazie Town Council  
Veazie Town Manager  
Veazie Tax Collector

**RE: FY2018 Tax Commitment Report**

I have provided several timely and informative reports regarding valuation and tax information pertaining to the Town of Veazie.

I also forwarded the FY 2018 Tax Commitment Report to help familiarize you with the Assessing Department as well as the reports I am responsible for. The Municipal Valuation Report will give you current information on the Town of Veazie.

I am available if you have any questions or would like to discuss any of the enclosed reports in more detail.

Respectfully,

*Benjamin F. Birch Jr.*  
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## **Town of Veazie**

### **FY2018 COMMITMENT REPORT**

**Prepared by: Benjamin F. Birch Jr., Tax Assessor**

**(September 18, 2018)**



# Town of Veazie

## Fiscal Year 2018 Commitment Report

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**TOWN OF VEAZIE**  
**ASSESSING DEPARTMENT - MISSION STATEMENT**  
**April 1, 2018**

***Mission Statement***

*The mission of the Assessor's Office in administering property tax law is to discover, list, make accurate estimates of just value and defend assessments of all property, both real and personal, within the jurisdiction according to the Constitution and Laws of the State of Maine, in keeping with current assessment techniques and accepted technologies.*

*The mission requires the Assessor's Office to provide taxpayers with equitable assessments and the best available assessment services. Additional duties provide a high level of understanding and advice of matters relating to property tax policy as they may impact the Town of Veazie and to promote goodwill through professionalism and education of assessment processes.*

***Departmental Programs***

Administration

Property Assessments

Property Inspections

Property Tax Maps

Customer Services

**Veazie Assessing Department  
PROGRAM ORGANIZATION  
April 1, 2018**

**Administration**

Assessor

- General Administration
- Data Processing
  - Real Property
  - Personal Property
- Information Distribution
- Abatement Hearings
- Appeal Hearings

**Appraisal**

Assessor

- Real Property
- Personal Property
- General Review
- Assessing Standards
- Statistical Analysis
- Equalization/Revaluation
  - Real Property
  - Personal Property
- Defend Assessments

**Special Projects**

All Personnel

- As Assigned
  - Manager
- Assessor Reappointment
- Licensing/ Continuing Ed
- Assessor /Assistant  
Designation Continuing Ed
- Education Classes for  
Special Assessments
- Public Relations

# Real Estate/Personal Property Sequence of Activities April 1, 2018

## **A. Preparatory Activities**

1. Design/Update Personal Property Declaration Forms/Instruction letters - December
2. Order personal property declaration forms/Instruction letters - December
3. Mail personal property declaration forms/Instruction letters -January
4. Update computer software program on all changes for upcoming tax year – January – March
5. Review Department Budget – January – March
6. Review state turnaround document / previous years reports – October/November/December
7. Review Exemptions other than Veterans and Homestead – February/March
8. Review Tree Growth Tax Roster – Annual Update – August

## **B. Inspection - Assessment**

1. Transfer information to new real estate property record cards. This might include sketches and characteristics from the existing property record cards or information such as lot sizes and neighborhood codes zoning, new subdivision lot numbering from recorded plot plans, or subdivision.
2. Collect data from inspections on building permits and requests for inspections/assessment reviews.
3. Perform supervisor quality checks
4. Perform office check of property record cards and personal property itemized lists.
5. Enter appropriate information in computer.
6. Make field checks and phone calls.

## **C. Valuation activities**

Data Collection:

Mass appraisers must identify and collect two basic groups of data: (1) comparative data and (2) site and improvement data. Comparative data included sales, cost, and income and expense data. These data are needed to determine valuation schedules and tables. Site improvement data relate to specific characteristics of subject parcels, such as lot size, square feet of living area, construction grade, and so forth. It is imperative that the data inventory be complete and current.

- a. sales data
- b. cost data
- c. income/expense data
- d. Economic Forces

1. Analyze sales, cost and income information
2. Develop cost index, depreciation tables, and capitalization rates.
3. Maintain Sales Files and print Monthly Sales Report.
4. Generate computer estimates of value.

#### **D. Review activities**

1. Review estimated values by the appraiser in the office or in the field.
2. Verify that mathematical calculations are accurate.
3. Determine if appraisers' methodology is correct.
4. Verify that data used are appropriate, adequate and internally consistent.
  - Quality Ratings
  - Condition Ratings
  - Functional Ratings if appropriate
  - Economic Ratings if appropriate
5. Inspect the exteriors of comparable properties and compare assessment record information of comparables
6. Perform independent research to gather additional information to verify appraisers estimated values
7. Finalize values. This may include running a final sales ratio analysis and making adjustments to those classes or neighborhoods that are out of line.

#### **E. New construction update activities**

1. Complete listing and processing of new construction.
2. Produce final estimates of value on completed new construction.
3. In March of each year, check new construction work-in progress and estimate percentage of completion for April 1.

#### **F. Taxpayers notification activities**

1. Personal property when requested
2. Real estate when requested
3. Valuation letters on assessment updates on new construction and interior inspections upon request.
4. Assessors notice of Decision on Abatement applications
5. Notification of Appeals process with local BOAR
6. BOAR Hearing Decision notices

**Town of Veazie Assessing Department  
FY18 Recurring Projects  
April 1, 2018**

**Recurring Projects**

- Municipal Valuation Report
- Tree Growth Tax Roster – Annual Update
- State Sales Turn-Around Document
- Sales Analysis for Coming Year Update
- Personal Property Declaration Form/Letter of Instruction Updates
- Personal Property Declaration Form Mailings
- Personal Property Depreciation Tables Update
- Assessor's Coming Year Projections with Selectmen
- Tax Map Annual Update
- Process/building permits on new construction and establish or update assessments as required
- Process/review Occupancy Permits to collect information to be used for finalizing real property assessments and setting up new personal property accounts when required
- Process "exempt" applications and verify eligibility:
  - Veterans Exemption
  - Homestead Exemptions
  - Blind Exemptions
- Commitment of Tax Roll

**Town of Veazie Assessing Department**  
**FY18 Goals**  
**April 1, 2018**

The assessing office will assess all property at a level between 90 and 110 percent of their current market value as of the sales date shown by the Sales ratio study. This level will be achieved by the coming year.

The assessing office will assess all property uniformly so that the coefficient of dispersion will be 15 or less. This level will be achieved by the coming year.

The assessing office will maintain the TRIO Assessing Software (computer-assessed mass appraisal system) as circumstances warrant.

The assessment office will list promptly all Real Property in Veazie by processing deeds received from the recorder's office Penobscot Registry of Deeds (PRD) within one month (on average) of receipt.

The assessment office will list promptly all Personal Property Declaration Forms (property lists) received from property owner within one week (on average) of receipt of all pertinent information

Building permits provide forewarnings on construction activity. Using these permits assessments for new construction and building improvements will be completed annually as of April 1.

Review and process all exemption applications annually by March 31.

The Town Tax Maps will be updated annually as of April 1.

The coming tax roll will reflect any tax shift caused by Legislative changes and the Governor's Budget.

- April 1, 2018 Assessment – Homestead Exemption continues at \$20,000. The Veterans Exemption remains at \$6,000.



**Town of Veazie Assessing Department**  
**FY18 Department Programs Goals, Objectives and Priorities**  
**April 1, 2018**

**Administration** - Assessor is responsible for planning and directing the operations of the Assessing Department, managing departmental personnel and evaluating performances, and prepares and monitors annual budget. The first requirement of a legal assessment is that it shall be uniform according to standards fixed by law. Title 36 M.R.S.A. 327 (1) a minimum assessment of 70% and an assessment quality of 20. The first objective of the Assessing Department, then, should be *equitable* and *uniform* assessments. As equity is lost in individual cases, the tax burden starts to shift, and equity is slowly destroyed. The department assists taxpayers with submitting applications for abatements and defends values on property when needed.

**Assessments** – In general, the Town of Veazie uses an assessing process that starts from the basis of the replacement cost of the structure. Once this cost is established, depreciation is applied to reflect current market conditions. Variations in the value of similar homes in different neighborhoods are generally dealt with through adjusting the value of the underlying land. This recognizes that certain neighborhoods have a higher market appeal than others.

The focus of the Assessing Department is to *calibrate the values* derived in this way to actual market conditions, by making necessary adjustments, in an effort to establish assessed values which are as close to market value as possible.

**Property Inspections** – Inspections of Real & Personal Property. The assessor should begin as soon as possible after April 1<sup>st</sup> the first steps of the assessment process, which is to ascertain as accurately as possible the nature (*land, building, personal*) amount (*size and number*), and value of all taxable property (36 M.R.S.A. 708). Property taxes in Maine are assessed annually on the basis of the status of property as of April 1, and the *tax year is April 1 to April* (36 M.R.S.A. 502).

**Property Tax Maps** – Review recorded documents verifying legal descriptions, updated demographic information relating to property ownership. These documents are then used to update computer file, tax maps, and verify and maintain land value cost tables.

**Customer Service** – The Assessing staff responds to inquires from surveyors, contractors, realtors, appraisers, financial institutions, members of the general public and property owners regarding a full array of assessing and appraisal practices including current valuations on properties within the Town.

At the local level, the Town Council have followed a policy of maintaining our assessed values as close to *100% of market value* as practical. Our policy was adopted in an effort to insure fairness by maintaining equitable assessments on an annual basis.

# 2018 ENHANCED BETE MUNICIPAL TAX RATE CALCULATION FORM

Municipality: \_\_\_\_\_

**VEAZIE**

**Data entry fields**

## BE SURE TO COMPLETE THIS FORM BEFORE FILLING IN THE TAX ASSESSMENT WARRANT

- |  |      |   |
|--|------|---|
| 1. Total taxable valuation of real estate  | 1    | <b>\$154,947,100</b><br><small>(must match MVR Page 1, line 6)</small>  |
| 2. Total taxable valuation of personal property                                      | 2    | <b>\$146,332,000</b><br><small>(must match MVR Page 1, line 10)</small> |
| 3. Total taxable valuation of real estate and personal property (Line 1 plus line 2) | 3    | <b>\$301,279,100</b><br><small>(must match MVR Page 1, line 11)</small> |
| 4. (a) Total exempt value for all homestead exemptions granted                       | 4(a) | <b>\$9,304,000</b><br><small>(must match MVR Page 1, line 14f)</small>  |
| (b) Homestead exemption reimbursement value  | 4(b) | <b>\$5,815,000</b>  |
| 5. (a) Total exempt value of all BETE qualified property                             | 5(a) | <b>\$797,400</b><br><small>(must match MVR Page 2, line 15c)</small>    |
| (b) Enhanced BETE exemption reimbursement value                                      | 5(b) | <b>\$592,891</b>  |
| 6. Total valuation base (Line 3 plus line 4(b) plus line 5(b))                       | 6    | <b>\$307,686,991</b>  |

### ASSESSMENTS

- |  |    |   |
|--|----|---|
| 7. County tax  | 7  | <b>\$324,643.00</b>   |
| 8. Municipal appropriation   | 8  | <b>\$1,845,570.00</b>   |
| 9. TIF financing plan amount   | 9  | <b>\$994,098.00</b><br><small>(must match MVR Page 2, line 16c + 16d)</small> |
| 10. Local education appropriation (Local share/contribution)<br><small>(Adjusted to municipal fiscal year)</small> | 10 | <b>\$2,974,341.00</b>   |
| 11. Total appropriations (Add lines 7 through 10)  | 11 | <b>\$6,138,652.00</b>   |

### ALLOWABLE DEDUCTIONS

- |  |    |                       |
|--|----|-----------------------|
| 12. Anticipated state municipal revenue sharing  | 12 | <b>\$111,267.00</b>   |
| 13. Other revenues: All other revenues that have been formally appropriated to be used to reduce the commitment such as excise tax revenue, tree growth reimbursement, trust fund or bank interest income, appropriated surplus revenue, etc. (Do Not Include any Homestead or BETE Reimbursement) | 13 | <b>\$545,080.00</b>   |
| 14. Total deductions (Line 12 plus line 13)  | 14 | <b>\$656,347.00</b>   |
| 15. Net to be raised by local property tax rate (Line 11 minus line 14)  | 15 | <b>\$5,482,305.00</b> |

- |     |  |   |   |   |   |                         |
|-----|--|---|---|---|---|-------------------------|
| 16. | <b>\$5,482,305.00</b><br><small>(Amount from line 15)</small>          | x | <b>1.05</b>   | = | <b>\$5,756,420.25</b>   | Maximum Allowable Tax   |
| 17. | <b>\$5,482,305.00</b><br><small>(Amount from line 15)</small>          | ÷ | <b>\$307,686,991</b><br><small>(Amount from line 6)</small>   | = | <b>0.01782</b>  | Minimum Tax Rate        |
| 18. | <b>\$5,756,420.25</b><br><small>(Amount from line 16)</small>          | ÷ | <b>\$307,686,991</b><br><small>(Amount from line 6)</small>   | = | <b>0.01871</b>  | Maximum Tax Rate        |
| 19. | <b>\$301,279,100.00</b><br><small>(Amount from line 3)</small>         | x | <b>0.01815</b><br><small>(Selected Rate)</small>              | = | <b>\$5,468,215.67</b><br><small>(Enter on MVR Page 1, line 13)</small>      | Tax for Commitment      |
| 20. | <b>\$5,482,305.00</b><br><small>(Amount from line 15)</small>          | x | <b>0.05</b>   | = | <b>\$274,115.25</b>   | Maximum Overlay         |
| 21. | <b>\$5,815,000</b><br><small>(Amount from line 4b)</small>             | x | <b>0.01815</b><br><small>(Selected Rate)</small>              | = | <b>\$105,542.25</b><br><small>(Enter on line 8, Assessment Warrant)</small> | Homestead Reimbursement |
| 22. | <b>\$592,891</b><br><small>(Amount from line 5b)</small>               | x | <b>0.01815</b><br><small>(Selected Rate)</small>              | = | <b>\$10,760.97</b><br><small>(Enter on line 9, Assessment Warrant)</small>  | BETE Reimbursement      |
| 23. | <b>\$5,584,518.88</b><br><small>(Line 19 plus lines 21 and 22)</small> | - | <b>\$5,482,305.00</b><br><small>(Amount from line 15)</small> | = | <b>\$102,213.88</b><br><small>(Enter on line 5, Assessment Warrant)</small> | Overlay                 |

(If Line 23 exceeds Line 20 select a lower tax rate.)

Results from this completed form should be used to prepare the Municipal Tax Assessment Warrant, Certificate of Assessment to Municipal Treasurer and Municipal Valuation Return.

Note: minus \$1.26 due to rounding

WE HEREBY CERTIFY, that the Real Estate pages herein, numbered from 1 to 121 inclusive, that the Personal Property pages herein, numbered from 1 to 6 contain a list and valuation of Estates, Real and Personal, liable to be taxed in the Municipality of Veazie for State, County, District, and Municipal Taxes for the fiscal year 07/01/2018 to 06/30/2019 as they existed on the first day of April 2018.

Benjamin F. Burch Jr

BENJAMIN F. BIRCH JR.

State of Maine   Municipality   Veazie   County   Penobscot  
To   Mark E Leonard   , Tax Collector

### Assessments:

1. County Tax	324,643.00	
2. Municipal Appropriation	1,845,570.00	
3. TIF Financing Plan Amount	994,098.00	
4. Local Educational Appropriation	2,974,341.00	
5. Overlay (Not to Exceed 5% of "Net To Be Raised" (see tax rate calculation #16)	102,213.89	
6. <b>Total Assessments</b>		6,240,865.89

**Deductions:**

7. State Municipal Revenue Sharing	111,267.00	
8. Homestead Reimbursement	105,542.25	
9. BETE Reimbursement	10,760.97	
10. Other Revenue	545,080.00	
11. <b>Total Deductions</b>		772,650.22
12. <b>Net Assessment for Commitment</b>		5,468,215.67

You are to pay to Mark E Leonard, the Municipal Treasurer, or to any successor in office, the taxes herewith committed, paying on the last day of each month all money collected by you, and you are to complete and make an account of your collections of the whole sum on or before 06/30/2019.

In case of the neglect of any person to pay the sum required by said list until after 09/30/2018; you will add interest to so much thereof as remains unpaid at the rate of 8.00 percent per annum, commencing 10/01/2018 to the time of payment, and collect the same with the tax remaining unpaid.

Given under our hands, as provided by a legal vote of the Municipality and Warrants received pursuant to the Laws of the State of Maine, this 08/14/2018.

Benjamin F Birch Jr

Assessor(s) of: Veazie

BENJAMIN F. BIRCHR JR

### **CERTIFICATE OF COMMITMENT**

To Mark E Leonard  
Veazie

the Collector of the Municipality of  
, aforesaid.

Herewith are committed to you true lists of the assessments of the Estates of the persons wherein named; you are to levy and collect the same, of each one their respective amount, therein set down, of the sum total of \$5,468,215.67 (being the amount of the lists contained herein), according to the tenor of the foregoing warrant.

Given under our hands this 08/14/2018

Benjamin F Birch Jr

Assessor(s) of: Veazie

BENJAMIN F. BIRCHR JR.

File the original certificate with the Tax Collector. File a copy in the Valuation Book

**CERTIFICATE OF ASSESSMENT TO BE RETURNED TO MUNICIPAL TREASURER  
STATE OF MAINE**

County Penobscot , ss.

We hereby certify, that we have assessed a tax on the estate, real and personal liable to be taxed in the Municipality of Veazie for the fiscal year 07/01/2018 to 06/30/2019, at 18.15 mils on the dollar, on a total taxable valuation of \$301,279,100

**Assessments:**

1. County Tax	324,643.00	
2. Municipal Appropriation	1,845,570.00	
3. TIF Financing Plan Amount	994,098.00	
4. Local Educational Appropriation	2,974,341.00	
5. Overlay (Not to Exceed 5% of "Net To Be Raised" (see tax rate calculation #16)	102,213.89	
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**Deductions:**

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9. BETE Reimbursement	10,760.97	
10. Other Revenue	545,080.00	
11. <b>Total Deductions</b>		772,650.22
12. <b><u>Net Assessment for Commitment</u></b>		5,468,215.67

Lists of all the same we have committed to Mark E Leonard, Tax Collector of said Municipality, with warrants in due form of law for collecting and paying the same to Mark E Leonard, Municipal Treasurer of said Municipality, or the successor in office, on or before such date, or dates, as provided by legal vote of the Municipality and warrants received pursuant to the laws of the State of Maine. (Title 36 MRSA, section 712)

Given under our hands this 08/14/2018



Municipal Assessor(s)

BENJAMIN F. BIRCH JR

File the original with the Treasurer. File a copy in the Valuation Book

# State of Maine



## PENOBSCOT, SS

TO THE ASSESSOR(S) OF THE TOWN OF

**Deazie**

IN THE COUNTY OF PENOBSCOT,

### GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, pursuant to MRSA Title 30-A, §900F-900J, upon an estimate by the County Commissioners for said County, of the sums necessary for defraying the charges of the County for the year ensuing, and exhibited by the Administrator of said County, the Penobscot County Budget Committee granted a tax of

**\$ 15,235,590.00**

*Fourteen Million, Two Hundred Fifty-two Thousand, Four Hundred Forty-six Dollars and Zero Cents*

to be assessed, collected and paid according to law and applied for the purpose aforesaid.

And Whereas, the Court of County Commissioners, held at Bangor in and for the County of Penobscot on the *Twenty-seventh Day of February, 2016*, made apportionment of said tax as the law directs upon several Cities, Towns, Plantations and Unorganized Places within said County and ordered that the Clerk of said County forthwith send out warrants for assessing the several Cities, Towns, Plantations & Unorganized Places proportion thereof as the law directs and for paying the same.

And whereas upon a due apportionment of said sum, your Town's proportion thereof is found to be

**\$ 324,643.00**

*Three Hundred Twenty-Four Thousand, Six Hundred Forty-Three Dollars*

You are Therefore Hereby Required, in the name of the County of Penobscot, to assess the said sum last mentioned, upon the inhabitants of said Town, agreeable to the laws of said State, and cause the same in like manner to be collected and paid to the Treasurer of said Town of **Deazie** to be paid by him/her to **Daniel Tremble** *Treasurer of said County of Penobscot* or to his successor in said office, upon his warrant issued for the same on or before the first day of September next.

Hereof Fail Not, and make due the Assessors' return where the names of the person or persons to whom your list or lists of assessments shall be committed, to the said County Treasurer as soon as may be thereafter.

Pursuant to MRSA Title 36 §892-A, you are hereby notified that interest at the rate of **7% Seven Percent simple annual interest**, as specified by vote of the County Commissioners, shall accrue on all unpaid balances of the County Tax that are then due, beginning on the 60th day after the first of September next. County taxes not paid prior to the 60th day after the date for payment are delinquent. The rate of interest specified herein shall apply to the delinquent taxes committed during the taxable year until those taxes are paid in full and the interest shall be added to become part of the taxes.

*By order of the County Commissioners.*

**William J. Collins**

*Administrator of Penobscot County*

# ASSESSOR'S RETURN

Pursuant to a Warrant to us directed from William J. Collins, Administrator of the Court of County Commissioners for the County of Penobscot, dated the 27th ~~Twenty-seventh Day of February,~~ we have assessed the polls and estates of the inhabitants, and the estates of the non-resident proprietors of the Town of Deazie in said County, the sum of Three Hundred Twenty-Four Thousand, Six Hundred Forty-Three Dollars \$ 324,643.00 and have committed lists thereof to MARK E LEONARD Collector of said municipality with a warrant in due form of law for collecting and paying the same to MARK E LEONARD, Treasurer of said municipality or the successor in office, to be paid by the same to Daniel Tremble Treasurer of said County of Penobscot or the successor in said office on or before the first day of September next.

In Witness Whereof, we have hereunto set our hands at

Deazie

the

14

day of

AUGUST

2018

Benjamin F Birch Jr

Assessor(s) for the municipality of:

BENJAMIN F. BIRCH JR

Deazie

\$ 324,643.00

To be completed & forwarded to the County Treasurer as soon as the assessment shall be completed.

**Daniel Tremble, Treasurer**

**County of Penobscot**

**97 Hammond Street**

**Bangor, ME 04401**



## MAINE REVENUE SERVICES - 2018 MUNICIPAL VALUATION RETURN

(36 M.R.S. § 383)

DUE DATE - NOVEMBER 1, 2018 (or within 30 days of commitment, whichever is later)

1. County: PENOBSCOTCommitment Date: 8/14/2018  
mm/dd/yyyy2. Municipality VEAZIE3. 2018 Certified Ratio (Percentage of current just value upon which assessments are based.) 3 100.00%

Homestead, veterans, blind, and BETE Exemptions, Tree Growth and Farmland values must be adjusted by this percentage

## TAXABLE VALUATION OF REAL ESTATE

(Exclude exempt valuation of all categories)

4. Land (include value of transmission, distribution lines and substations, dams and power houses)	4	<u>50,886,300</u>
5. Buildings	5	<u>104,060,800</u>
6. Total taxable valuation of real estate (sum of lines 4 & 5 above)	6	<u>154,947,100</u>

(must match Municipal Tax Rate Calculation Standard Form page 10, line 1)

## TAXABLE VALUATION OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

(Exclude exempt valuation of all categories)

7. Production machinery and equipment	7	<u>145,012,900</u>
8. Business equipment (furniture, furnishings and fixtures)	8	<u>262,900</u>
9. All other personal property	9	<u>1,056,300</u>
10. Total taxable valuation of personal property (sum of lines 7 through 9 above)	10	<u>146,332,100</u>

(must match Municipal Tax Rate Calculation Standard Form page 10, line 2)

## OTHER TAX INFORMATION

11. Total taxable valuation of real estate and personal property (sum of lines 6 & 10 above)	11	<u>301,279,200</u>
(must match Municipal Tax Rate Calculation Standard Form page 10, line 3)		
12. 2018 Property Tax Rate (example .01520)	12	<u>0.018150</u>
13. 2018 Property Tax Levy (includes overlay and any fractional gains from rounding)	13	<u>\$5,468,217.48</u>

Note: This is the exact amount of 2018 tax actually committed to the collector  
(must match Municipal Tax Rate Calculation Standard Form page 10, line 19)

## HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION REIMBURSEMENT CLAIM

Homestead exemptions must be adjusted by the municipality's certified ratio

14. a. Total number of \$20,000 homestead exemptions granted	14a	<u>426</u>
b. Total exempt value for all \$20,000 homestead exemptions granted (Line 14a x \$20,000)	14b	<u>8,600,000</u>
c. Total number of properties fully exempted (valued less than \$20,000) by homestead exemptions granted	14c	<u>64</u>
d. Total exempt value for all properties fully exempted (valued less than \$20,000) by homestead exemptions granted	14d	<u>704,000</u>
e. Total number of homestead exemptions granted (sum of 14a & 14c)	14e	<u>490</u>
f. Total exempt value for all homestead exemptions granted (sum of 14b & 14d)	14f	<u>9,304,000</u>
(Must match Municipal Tax Rate Calculation Standard Form page 10, line 4a)		
g. Total assessed value of all homestead qualified property (land and buildings)	14g	<u>67,261,700</u>



**MAINE REVENUE SERVICES - 2018 MUNICIPAL VALUATION RETURN**

Municipality: VEAZIE

**BUSINESS EQUIPMENT TAX EXEMPTION (BETE) REIMBURSEMENT CLAIM**

15. a. Number of BETE applications processed for tax year 2018	15a	<b>11</b>
b. Number of BETE applications approved	15b	<b>11</b>
c. Total exempt value of all BETE qualified property (Must match Municipal Tax Rate Calculation Standard Form page 10, line 5a)	15c	<b>797,400</b>
d. Total exempt value of BETE property located in a municipal retention TIF district	15d	<b>0</b>

**TAX INCREMENT FINANCING (TIF)**

16. a. Total amount of increased taxable valuation above original assessed value within TIF districts	16a	<b>143,275</b>
b. Amount of captured assessed value within TIF districts	16b	<b>143,275</b>
c. Property tax revenue that is appropriated and deposited into either a project cost account or a sinking fund account	16c	<b>994,098</b>
d. BETE reimbursement revenue that is appropriated and deposited into either a project cost account or a sinking fund account	16d	<b>\$0.00</b>

(Lines 16c and 16d combined must match Municipal Tax Rate Calculation Standard Form page 10, line 9)

**EXCISE TAX**

17. a. Enter whether excise taxes are collected based on a calendar or fiscal year	17a	<b>FISCAL</b>
b. Motor vehicle excise tax collected	17b	<b>\$418,460.62</b>
c. Watercraft excise tax collected	17c	<b>\$1,976.20</b>

**ELECTRICAL GENERATION AND DISTRIBUTION PROPERTY**

18. Total valuation of distribution and transmission lines owned by electric utility companies	18	<b>\$20,441,900</b>
19. Total valuation of all electrical generation facilities	19	<b>\$16,102,000</b>

**FOREST LAND CLASSIFIED UNDER THE TREE GROWTH TAX LAW PROGRAM**

(36 M.R.S. §§ 571 - 584-A)

20. Average per acre unit value used for undeveloped acreage (land not classified)	20	<b>\$5,000</b>
21. Classified forest land. (Do Not include land classified in Farmland as woodland)		
a. Number of parcels classified as of April 1, 2018	21a	<b>2</b>
b. Softwood acreage	21b	<b>11.00</b>
c. Mixed wood acreage	21c	<b>19.00</b>
d. Hardwood acreage	21d	<b>48.00</b>
e. Total number of acres of forest land only (sum of lines 21 b, c, and d above)	21e	<b>78.00</b>
22. Total assessed valuation of all classified forest land for tax year 2018	22	<b>10,734</b>
a. Per acre values used to assess Tree Growth classified forest land value:		
(1) Softwood	22a(1)	<b>141.00</b>
(2) Mixed Wood	22a(2)	<b>165.00</b>
(3) Hardwood	22a(3)	<b>129.00</b>

**MAINE REVENUE SERVICES - 2018 MUNICIPAL VALUATION RETURN**

Municipality: \_\_\_\_\_

**VEAZIE**

**TREE GROWTH TAX LAW CONTINUED**

23. Number of forestland acres first classified for tax year 2018	23	0.00
24. Land withdrawn from Tree Growth classification (36 M.R.S. § 581)		
a. Total number of parcels withdrawn from 4/2/17 through 4/1/18	24a	0
b. Total number of acres withdrawn from 4/2/17 through 4/1/18	24b	0.00
c. Total value of penalties assessed by the municipality due to withdrawal of classified Tree Growth land from 4/2/17 through 4/1/18	24c	\$0.00
d. Total number of \$500 penalties assessed for non-compliance	24d	0
24-1 Since April 1, 2017, have any Tree Growth acres been transferred to Farmland?	24-1	no Yes/No

**LAND CLASSIFIED UNDER THE FARM AND OPEN SPACE TAX LAW PROGRAM**

(36 M.R.S. §§ 1101 to 1121)

**FARM LAND:**

25. Number of parcels classified as Farmland as of April 1, 2018	25	0
26. Number of acres first classified as Farmland for tax year 2018	26	0.00
27. a. Total number of acres of all land now classified as Farmland (Do not include Farm woodland)	27a	0.00
b. Total valuation of all land now classified as Farmland (Do not include Farm woodland)	27b	0
28. a. Number of <u>Farm</u> woodland acres:		
(1) Softwood acreage	28a(1)	0.00
(2) Mixed wood acreage	28a(2)	0.00
(3) Hardwood acreage	28a(3)	0.00
b. Total number of acres of all land now classified as <u>Farm</u> woodland	28b	0.00
c. Total valuation of all land now classified as <u>Farm</u> woodland	28c	0
d. Per acre rates used for <u>Farm</u> woodland:		
(1) Softwood	28d(1)	141
(2) Mixed Wood	28d(2)	165
(3) Hardwood	28d(3)	120
29. Land withdrawn from Farmland classification (36 M.R.S. § 1112)		
a. Total number of parcels withdrawn from 4/2/17 through 4/1/18	29a	0
b. Total number of acres withdrawn from 4/2/17 through 4/1/18	29b	0.00
c. Total value of penalties assessed by the municipality due to the withdrawal of classified Farmland from 4/2/17 through 4/1/18	29c	\$0.00

**OPEN SPACE:**

30. Number of parcels classified as Open Space as of April 1, 2018	30	0
31. Number of acres first classified as Open Space for tax year 2018	31	0.00
32. Total number of acres of land now classified as Open Space	32	0.00
33. Total valuation of all land now classified as Open Space	33	0

**MAINE REVENUE SERVICES - 2018 MUNICIPAL VALUATION RETURN**

Municipality: VEAZIE

**OPEN SPACE CONTINUED**

**34. Land withdrawn from Open Space classification (36 M.R.S. § 1112)**

a. Total number of parcels withdrawn from 4/2/17 through 4/1/18	34a	0
b. Total number of acres withdrawn from 4/2/17 through 4/1/18	34b	0.00
c. Total value of penalties assessed by the municipality due to the withdrawal of classified Open Space land from 4/2/17 through 4/1/18	34c	\$0.00

**LAND CLASSIFIED UNDER THE WORKING WATERFRONT TAX LAW**  
(36 M.R.S., §§ 1131 - 1140-B)

35. Number of parcels classified as Working Waterfront as of April 1, 2018	35	0
36. Number of acres first classified as Working Waterfront for tax year 2018	36	0.00
37. Total acreage of all land now classified as Working Waterfront	37	0.00
38. Total valuation of all land now classified as Working Waterfront	38	0
39. Land withdrawn from Working Waterfront classification (36 M.R.S. § 1138)		
a. Total number of parcels withdrawn from 4/2/17 through 4/1/18	39a	0
b. Total number of acres withdrawn from 4/2/17 through 4/1/18	39b	0.00
c. Total value of penalties assessed by the municipality due to the withdrawal of classified Working Waterfront land from 4/2/17 through 4/1/18	39c	\$0.00

**EXEMPT PROPERTY**

(36 M.R.S. §§ 651, 652, 653, 654-A, 656)

**40. Enter the exempt value of all the following classes of property which are exempt from property taxation by law.**

**a. Public Property (§ 651(1)(A) and (B))**

(1) United States 40a(1) \$0

(2) State of Maine (excluding roads) 40a(2) \$800

Total value of public property (40a(1) + 40a(2)) 40a 800

b. Real estate owned by the Water Resources Board of the State of New Hampshire located within this state (§ 651(1)(B-1)) 40b 0

c. Property of any public municipal corporation of this state (including county property) appropriated to public uses (§ 651(1)(D))  
(County, Municipal, Quasi-Municipal owned property) 40c 6,687,900

d. Pipes, fixtures, hydrants, conduits, gatehouses, pumping stations, reservoirs and dams of a public municipal corporation supplying water, power or light if located outside the limits of the municipality (§ 651(1)(E)) 40d 0

e. Airport or landing field of a public municipal corporation used for airport or aeronautical purposes (§ 651(1)(F)) 40e 0

f. Landing area of a privately owned airport when owner grants free use of that landing area to the public (§ 656(1)(C)) 40f 0

g. Pipes, fixtures, conduits, buildings, pumping stations, and other facilities of a public municipal corporation used for sewerage disposal if located outside the limits of the municipality (§ 651(1)(G)) 40g 3,733,400

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**EXEMPT PROPERTY CONTINUED**

40. h. Property of benevolent and charitable institutions. (§ 652(1)(A))	40h	<b>115,700</b>
i. Property of literary and scientific institutions. (§ 652(1)(B))	40i	<b>0</b>
j. Property of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Veterans, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Disabled American Veterans and Navy Clubs of the USA. (§ 652(1)(E))		
1) Total exempt value of veterans organizations.	40 j(1)	<b>0</b>
2) Exempt value attributable to purposes other than meetings, ceremonials, or instruction facilities (reimbursable exemption).	40 j(2)	<b>0</b>
k. Property of chambers of commerce or boards of trade (§ 652(1)(F))	40k	<b>0</b>
l. Property of houses of religious worship and parsonages (§ 652(1)(G))		
1) Number of parsonages within this municipality	40 l(1)	<b>0</b>
2) Total exempt value of those parsonages	40 l(2)	<b>0</b>
3) Total taxable value of those parsonages	40 l(3)	<b>0</b>
4) Total exempt value of all houses of religious worship	40 l(4)	<b>176,000</b>
TOTAL EXEMPT VALUE OF ALL HOUSES OF RELIGIOUS WORSHIP AND PARSONAGES (Sum of lines 40l(2) + 40l(4))	40l	<b>176,000</b>
m. Property owned or held in trust for fraternal organizations operating under the lodge system (do not include college fraternities) (§ 652(1)(H))	40m	<b>0</b>
n. Personal property leased by a benevolent and charitable organization exempt from taxation under § 501 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 and the primary purpose is the operation of a hospital licensed by the Dept. of Health and Human Services, health maintenance organization or blood bank (§ 652(1)(K)) (Value of property owned by a hospital should be reported on line 40h)	40n	<b>0</b>
o. Exempt value of real property of all persons determined to be legally blind (§ 654-A) ( \$4,000 adjusted by certified ratio)	40o	<b>0</b>
p. Aqueducts, pipes and conduits of any corporation supplying a municipality with water (§ 656(1)(A))	40p	<b>513,000</b>
q. Animal waste storage facilities constructed after April 1, 1999 and certified as exempt by the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry (§ 656(1)(J)) (reimbursable exemption)	40q	<b>0</b>
r. Pollution control facilities that are certified as such by the Commissioner of Environmental Protection (§ 656(1)(E))	40r	<b>0</b>
s. Snowmobile trail grooming equipment registered under 12 M.R.S. § 13113 (§ 655(1)(T)) (reimbursable exemption)	40s	<b>0</b>

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Municipality: \_\_\_\_\_

**0t. VETERANS EXEMPTIONS** - The following information is necessary in order to calculate reimbursement. (36 M.R.S. § 653)

**SECTION 1: The section is only for those veterans who served during a federally recognized war period**

Widower:	NUMBER OF EXEMPTIONS		EXEMPT VALUE	
	40t(1)A		40t(1)B	
1. Living male spouse or male parent of a deceased veteran \$6,000 adjusted by the certified ratio (§ 653(1)(D))		<b>3</b>		<b>\$18,000</b>
<b>Revocable Living Trusts:</b>				
2. Paraplegic veteran (or their widow) who is the beneficiary of a revocable living trust. \$50,000 adjusted by the certified ratio (§ 653(1)(D-1))	40t(2)A	<b>1</b>	40t(2)B	<b>\$6,000</b>
3. All other veterans (or their widows) who are the beneficiaries of revocable living trusts. \$6,000 adjusted by the certified ratio (§ 653(1)(C) or (D))	40t(3)A	<b>4</b>	40t(3)B	<b>\$24,000</b>
<b>WW I Veterans:</b>				
4. WW I veteran (or their widow) enlisted as Maine resident \$7,000 adjusted by the certified ratio (§ 653(1)(C-1) or (D-2))	40t(4)A	<b>0</b>	40t(4)B	<b>\$0</b>
5. WW I veteran (or their widow) enlisted as non-Maine resident \$7,000 adjusted by the certified ratio (§ 653(1)(C-1) or (D-2))	40t(5)A	<b>0</b>	40t(5)B	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Paraplegic Veterans:</b>				
6. Paraplegic status veteran or their unremarried widow. \$50,000 adjusted by the certified ratio (§ 653(1)(D-1))	40t(6)A	<b>0</b>	40t(6)B	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Cooperative Housing Corporation Veterans:</b>				
7. Qualifying Shareholder of Cooperative Housing Corporation \$6,000 adjusted by the certified ratio (§ 653(2))	40t(7)A	<b>0</b>	40t(7)B	<b>\$0</b>
<b>All Other Veterans:</b>				
8. All other veterans (or their widows) enlisted as Maine residents. \$6,000 adjusted by the certified ratio (§ 653(1)(C)(1))	40t(8)A	<b>45</b>	40t(8)B	<b>\$270,000</b>
9. All other veterans (or their widows) enlisted as non-Maine residents. \$6,000 adjusted by the certified ratio (§ 653(1)(C)(1))	40t(9)A	<b>13</b>	40t(9)B	<b>\$78,000</b>

**SECTION 2: This section is only for those veterans who did not serve during a federally recognized war period**

	NUMBER OF EXEMPTIONS		EXEMPT VALUE	
	40t(10)A		40t(10)B	
10. Veteran (or their widow) disabled in the line of duty. \$6,000 adjusted by the certified ratio (§ 653(1)(C)(2) or (D))		<b>0</b>		<b>\$0</b>
11. Veteran (or their widow) who served during the periods from August 24, 1982 to July 31, 1984 and December 20, 1989 to January 31, 1990. \$6,000 adjusted by the certified ratio. [§ 653(1)(C)(1) or (D)]	40t(11)A	<b>0</b>	40t(11)B	<b>\$0</b>
12. Veteran (or their widow) who served during the period from February 27, 1961 and August 5, 1964, but did not serve prior to February 1, 1955 or after August 4, 1964. \$6,000 adjusted by the certified ratio. [§ 653(1)(C)(1) or (D)]	40t(12)A	<b>0</b>	40t(12)B	<b>\$0</b>

**Total number of ALL veteran exemptions granted in 2018**      40t(A) **66**

**Total exempt value of ALL veteran exemptions granted in tax year 2018**      40t(B) **396,000**

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**EXEMPT PROPERTY CONTINUED**

40. u. **Other.** The Laws of the State of Maine provide for exemption of quasi-municipal organizations such as authorities districts and trust commissions. These exemptions will not be found in Title 36.

Examples: Section 5114 of Title 30-A provides for exemption of real and personal property of an Urban Renewal Authority or Chapter 164, P. & S.L. of 1971 provides for exemption of real estate owned by the Cobbossee-Annabessacook Authority. (See also 30-A M.R.S., § 5413, Revenue Producing Municipal Facilities Act.)

Enter the full name of the organization in your municipality that has been granted exempt status through such a law, the provision of the law granting the exemption and the estimated full value of real property.

NAME OF ORGANIZATION	PROVISION OF LAW	EXEMPT VALUE
<b>CODE 10 HOMESTEAD</b>	<b>Title 36</b>	<b>\$9,304,000</b>
<b>CODE 22 CEMETRY</b>	<b>Title 13</b>	<b>24,000</b>
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>40u 9,328,000</b>
<b>40. TOTAL VALUE OF ALL PROPERTY EXEMPTED BY LAW</b>		<b>40 20,950,800</b> (sum of all exempt value)

**MUNICIPAL RECORDS**

41. a. Does your municipality have tax maps? 41a yes YES/NO  
If yes, proceed to b, c and d. If no, move to line 42. Give date when tax maps were originally obtained and name of contractor. (This does not refer to the annual updating of tax maps.)
- b. Date 41b 4/1/2017 mm/dd/yyyy
- c. Name of contractor 41c Mike White - GISLLC.com
- d. Are your tax maps PAPER, GIS, or CAD? 41d paper
42. Enter the number of land parcels within your municipality (Not the number of tax bills) 42 853
43. Total taxable land acreage in your municipality. 43 1687.14
44. a. Has a professional town-wide revaluation been completed in your municipality?  
If yes, please answer the questions below. 44a yes YES/NO  
If no, please proceed to line 45.
- b. Did the revaluation include any of the following? Please enter each category with YES or NO.
- 44b (1) yes LAND
- 44b (2) yes BUILDINGS
- 44b (3) yes PERSONAL PROPERTY
- c. Effective Date 44c 4/1/2013 mm/dd/yyyy
- d. Contractor Name 44d RJD Appraisal Company
- e. Cost 44e \$75,000

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MUNICIPAL RECORDS CONTINUED

5. Enter the best choice that describes how the municipality administers its assessment function. Choose SINGLE ASSESSOR, ASSESSORS' AGENT or BOARD OF ASSESSORS. Include the name of any single assessor or agent.

a) Function 45a SINGLE ASSESSOR  
 b) Name 45b BENJAMIN F. BIRCH JR  
 c) Email address 45c BBIRCH@veazie.net

6. Enter the beginning and ending dates of the fiscal year in your municipality.

FROM 46a 7/1/2018 TO 46b 6/30/2019  
 mm/dd/yyyy mm/dd/yyyy

7. Interest rate charged on overdue 2018 property taxes (36 M.R.S. § 505) 47 8.00  
 (not to exceed 8.00%)

8. Date(s) that 2018 property taxes are due. 48a 9/30/2018 48b 10/1/2018  
 48c mm/dd/yyyy 48d mm/dd/yyyy

9. Are your assessment records computerized?

49a yes YES/NO Name of software used 49b TRIO

10. Has your municipality implemented a local property tax relief program?

50a no YES/NO How many people qualified? 50b 0  
 How much relief was granted? 50c \$0.00

11. Has your municipality implemented a local elderly volunteer tax credit program under 36 M.R.S. § 6232(1-A)?

51a no YES/NO How many people qualified? 51b 0  
 How much relief was granted? 51c \$0.00

We, the Assessor(s) of the Municipality of VEAZIE do state that the foregoing information contained herein is, to the best knowledge and belief of this office, reported correctly and that all of the requirements of the law have been followed in valuing, listing and submitting the information.

ASSESSOR(S)  
SIGNATURES

Benjamin F Birch Jr  
BENJAMIN F. BIRCH JR

DATE 9/11/2018  
 mm/dd/yyyy

NOTICE: This return must be completed and sent to the Property Tax Division by November 1, 2018 or within 30 days after the commitment date, whichever is later, in order to avoid reduction or loss of any entitlement under the Tree Growth Tax Law municipal reimbursement program for the 2018 tax year.

# MAINE REVENUE SERVICES - 2018 MUNICIPAL VALUATION RETURN

Municipality: VEAZIE County: PENOBSCOT

## VALUATION INFORMATION

1. Enter the number and type of new, demolished and converted residential buildings in your municipality since April 1, 2017, giving the approximate increase or decrease in full market value.

	One Family	Two Family	3-4 Family	5 Family Plus	Mobile Homes	Seasonal Homes
New	1				4	
Demolished						
Converted						
Valuation Increase (+)	\$325,000				\$125	
Valuation Loss (-)						
Net Increase/Loss	\$325,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$125	\$0

2. Enter any new industrial or commercial growth started or expanded since April 1, 2017, giving the approximate full market value and additional machinery, equipment, etc.

CASCO Bay Energy filed an asset list resulting in the change of the real estate land assessment. Their filing  
hanged both real estate and personal property assessments for the April 1, 2018 assessment date.

3. Enter any extreme losses in valuation since April 1, 2017, giving a brief explanation such as "fire" or "mill closing", etc. giving the loss at full market value.

None.

4. Explain any general increase or decrease in valuation since April 1, 2017 based on revaluations, change in ratio used, adjustments, etc.

None



# Memorandum



**To:** Town Manager

**CC:**

**From:** J. Larson

**Date:** 11/5/2018

**Re:** Robert W. Kelly

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1. On August 6, 2018 I as Code Enforcement Officer sent Robert W. Kelly who resides at 1374 State Street a Notice of Violation stating he was in violation of the Property Maintenance Ordinance Section 4 and 5.
  2. Subsequently Mr. Kelly hired Black Bear Landscaping to mow and trim outside area. The outside yard has been maintained by Black Bear Landscaping.
  3. Mr. Kelly failed to clean inside premises in the time frame required.
  4. On October 19, 2018, I sent another Notice of Violation to clean inside premises by November 2, 2018. He has failed to do so.
  5. I am requesting of the Town Council authorization to initiate a 80K action in District Court.

John Larson  
Code Enforcement Officer

CONFIDENTIAL





1084 Maine Street  
Veazie, Maine 04401-7091  
Tel: (207) 947-2781 fax: (207) 942-1654

October 19, 2018

Robert W. Kelly  
1374 State Street  
Veazie, Maine 04401-7003

RE: 2<sup>nd</sup> Notice of Violation and Order to Correct Violations of the Town of Veazie Property Management Ordinance Section 4. Maintenance Required and Section 5. Maintenance Standards/Premises and Yard Areas.

Dear Robert W. Kelly,

This letter serves as the 2<sup>nd</sup> Notice of Violation and Order to Correct Violations of the Town of Veazie's Property Management Ordinance Section 4. Maintenance Required which states " All buildings and structures, and all parts thereof, shall be maintained in a safe, sanitary and non-hazardous manner."

#### Findings of Fact

1. On October 19, 2018, I as the Code Enforcement Officer for the Town of Veazie made a site visit to 1374 State Street, to property owned by you and identified on Assessor's Tax Map 06 Lot 68 and located in the Residential 2 Zone and recorded in Penobscot Registry of Deeds Book 3019 Page 326.
2. At that site visit I personally observed an accumulation of discarded trash in right side of the garage creating a un-safe, un-sanitary condition and a fire hazard.

#### Order to Correct Violations

1. Remove and properly dispose of all discarded trash, garbage, refuse, junk or other material in garage which creates un-safe, un-sanitary and fire hazard and a breeding place for vermin by November 2, 2018.

Unless these violations are corrected by dates indicated above, I will refer this matter to the municipal officers for possible commencement of legal action in the Maine District Court. If the

Town is the prevailing party in enforcement litigation, you may be liable for the Town's attorney fees and costs plus civil penalties. Fines of up to \$2,500 per violation per day the violation exists may be imposed.

Section L.3. Administrative Appeals, states upon written application of an aggrieved party received by the Code Enforcement Officer within thirty (30) days of a decision of the Code Enforcement Officer, hear appeals from such decision.

If you have any questions about what you need to to comply with this ORDER, please contact me immediately.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Larson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "J" and "L".

John Larson  
Code Enforcement Officer  
Town of Veazie

CC: Town Manager  
file



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August 6, 2018

Robert W. Kelly  
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Veazie, Maine 04401-7003

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Dear Robert W. Kelly,

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#### Findings of Fact

1. On August 3, 2018, I as the Code Enforcement Officer for the Town of Veazie made a site visit to 1374 State Street, to property owned by you and identified on Assessor's Tax Map 06 Lot 68 and located in the Residential 2 Zone and recorded in Penobscot Registry of Deeds Book 3019 Page 326.
2. At that site visit I personally observed an accumulation of discarded trash in right side of the garage creating a un-safe, un-sanitary condition and a fire hazard.
3. At that site visit I personally observed that the grass and weeds have become overgrown.

## Order to Correct Violations

1. Remove and properly dispose of all discarded trash, garbage, refuse, junk or other material in garage which creates un-safe, un-sanitary and fire hazard and a breeding place for vermin by September 7, 2018.
2. Maintain outside lawn and weed control by September 7, 2018.

Unless these violations are corrected by dates indicated above, I will refer this matter to the municipal officers for possible commencement of legal action in the Maine District Court. If the Town is the prevailing party in enforcement litigation, you may be liable for the Town's attorney fees and costs plus civil penalties. Fines of up to \$2,500 per violation per day the violation exists may be imposed.

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Sincerely,



John Larson  
Code Enforcement Officer  
Town of Veazie

CC: Town Manager  
file

PHOTO TAKEN BY J LARSON  
8/6/18



1374 STATE STREET TAX MAP 6 LOT 68





# FY 2019-2020 Budget Meeting Schedule

ITEM # 9

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>		<u>Time</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Thursday	January 10 <sup>th</sup>	Workshop <i>All Departments</i>	6:30 PM	1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter Review
Monday	February 11 <sup>th</sup>	Council Meeting <i>Budget Committee</i> <i>All Departments</i>	6:30 PM	Discussion on FY 19/20 Budget
Thursday	March 7 <sup>th</sup>	Workshop <i>School Department</i> <i>Municipal Departments</i>	6:30 PM	FY 19/20 Draft Budget Presentation
Monday	March 11 <sup>th</sup>	Council Meeting <i>Budget Committee</i>	6:30 PM	Discussion on FY 19/20 Budget *as needed*
Monday	March 25 <sup>th</sup>	Council Meeting <i>Budget Committee</i>	6:30 PM	Discussion on FY 19/20 Budget *as needed*
Thursday	April 4 <sup>th</sup>	Workshop <i>All Departments</i>	6:30 PM	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter Review
Monday	April 8 <sup>th</sup>	Council Meeting <i>Budget Committee</i>	6:30 PM	Discussion on FY 19/20 Budget *as needed*
Tuesday	April 9 <sup>th</sup>	Workshop <i>School Department</i> <i>Municipal Departments</i>	6:30 PM	FY 19/20 Budget Presentation

*(School Vacation is the Week of April 14-21, 2019/ Patriots Day April 15, 2019)*

Monday	April 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Workshop <i>Budget Committee</i> <i>All Departments</i>	6:30 PM	Review FY 19/20 Budget Prior to Public Hearing
Friday	April 26 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Last day for submittal of recommendations to Budget Officer</i>		
Monday	May 6 <sup>th</sup>	Town Manager issues Budget Message		
Monday	May 6 <sup>th</sup>	Public Hearing <i>All Departments</i>	6:30 PM	Budget Committee Review of Workshops, Council Review Session and Public Hearing on Total Budgets

*(Recommend warrant signing for Town Report)*

Tuesday	May 7 <sup>th</sup>	Workshop <i>All Departments</i>	6:30 PM	<u>Scheduled if needed</u>
Thursday	May 9 <sup>th</sup>	Workshop <i>All Departments</i>	6:30 PM	<u>Schedule if needed</u>
Monday	May 27 <sup>th</sup>	Council Meeting	6:30 PM	
Tuesday	June 11 <sup>th</sup>	Council Meeting	7:00PM	
Tuesday	June 11 <sup>th</sup>	Town Meeting	8:00 PM	Voting of Warrant Articles

*All meetings will be held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building except for the June 11<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting and Town Meeting, which will be held at the Veazie Community School.*



Edmond J. Bearor  
E-Mail: [ebearor@rudmanwinchell.com](mailto:ebearor@rudmanwinchell.com)  
Direct Dial: (207)992-2626

September 7, 2017

Town of Veazie  
Attn: Mark Leonard, Town Manager  
1084 Main Street  
Veazie, ME 04401

**Re: Legal Representation – TIF District**

Dear Mr. Leonard:

We are pleased to welcome the Town of Veazie as a client of Rudman Winchell. This letter will set forth the terms of our engagement.

**Subject of Representation**

The assignment that is the subject of this representation agreement is as follows: Advise and assist the Town of Veazie in preparing a TIF district designation and development program for DECD approval.

**Project Staffing**

This project primarily involves consulting services in preparing the necessary TIF documents and assisting the Town with the TIF approval process. Noreen Norton will be primarily responsible for providing consulting services on this matter. As you know, Noreen Norton is a non-lawyer economic development consultant employed by Rudman Winchell. To the extent that legal services may be required on this project, attorney Edmond Bearor will be responsible for providing those services. Other Rudman Winchell lawyers and legal assistants may assist Noreen and Ed on this project.

**Fees for Services**

Based on our past experience in preparing TIF districts, we will provide all required services on the Town of Veazie's project for a flat fee of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00). The flat fee will include all consulting and legal services through and including a final vote on the TIF by the Town of Veazie and final review and approval by the Maine Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD). The flat fee will also include Rudman Winchell's out-of-pocket expenses including charges for travel time and mileage reimbursement.

The flat fee will be billed on a periodic basis, in installments of \$5,000.00 each, based on the progress of the work concerned. All invoices for this purpose will be due and payable no later than thirty (30) days after the Town's receipt of the invoice concerned. The flat fee presumes no more than seven face-to-face meetings with the Town. Should additional meetings be required they will be billed at \$1,000.00 per meeting.

### **Billing and Payment**

While we do our best to ensure that our clients are satisfied with both our services and with the reasonableness of the fees charged, if you have any questions regarding a statement or regarding the basis of our fees, please feel free to raise such a question promptly. If you question only a portion of a statement, we ask that you pay the remainder, which will not constitute a waiver of any question or objection you may have.

Our fee structure is based on the premise that all statements are due and payable upon receipt. If your payments are significantly delayed beyond the due date, we reserve the right to charge a late payment charge of 1.5% per month on the unpaid balance from the due date until the date payment is received. If you do not meet the obligation of timely payment under this agreement, we reserve the right to withdraw from our representation on that basis alone, subject of course to any required judicial approval or agency notification.

### **Termination of Engagement**

You may terminate this engagement at any time by notice to this office. Upon receiving such notice, subject to any required court approval, we will promptly cease providing any services to you.

We may terminate this engagement at any time by giving you written notice, subject to any required court approval. If you do not meet the obligation of timely payment under this agreement, we reserve the right to withdraw from our representation on that basis alone, subject of course to any required court approval.

Upon termination of our representation, you will be responsible for paying for our fees and disbursements up to the time of termination and for any reasonable services that we provide in connection with transfer of responsibility for this matter to new counsel.

### **File Retention**

Our firm as a matter of standard procedure retains closed files for a period of eight years. If, once this matter is closed, we have in our file materials or property that you wish returned to you, please notify us and we will make arrangements to return the file or the requested materials or property to you.

### Nature of Relationship

The attorney-client relationship is one of mutual trust and confidence. If you have any questions at all concerning the provisions of this agreement, we invite your inquiries.

We look forward to serving you. Please sign the enclosed copy of this letter where indicated and return it to me in the enclosed envelope so that our work for you in this matter may begin.

Sincerely,

*Katie Fegor*  
*on behalf of Edmond Bearor*

Edmond J. Bearor  
EJB/leb

By the signature of its authorized official named below, the Town of Veazie accepts and agrees to the terms set forth above.

TOWN OF VEAZIE

Date: 9/11, 2017

(By)



Name: Mark Leonard  
Town Manager  
Hereunto Duly Authorized



# **Manager's Report For November 19, 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 met with Jeff from Stillwater Environmental Engineering regarding a potential stormwater audit. We determined that the Bally Mote subdivision will be a focal point of the inspection so the Code Enforcement Officer and Jeff did a site visit and reported that it is in compliance.

I ordered window stickers with the new Town logo which are available for free at the front counter. I have received numerous positive comments on them.

The lease for the Community Center has been updated with the Council's comments, reviewed and approved by legal and sent to the tenant for signature.

I attended two Maine Chiefs Board of Directors meetings in which we adopted two updated policies. I will be working to implement these into the Police Department's policies and procedures.

I met with our representative from Otelco in regards to relocating phones to the newly remodeled spaces. We also discussed scheduling future training in order for staff to become more familiar the system.

Since the last Council meeting, two Police Department staff meetings have been held. During the one meeting we reviewed and discussed our policies and procedures. An Officer from the Old Town Police Department attended the other meeting with his K-9. The Officer provided training on what we can do prior to his arrival so the use of the K-9 is most effective.

A/C Metcalf facilitated a Sprinkler Demonstration in which I attended. The public turnout was not as good as we anticipated, but the people who did attend were impressed with the presentation. A/C Metcalf will continue to educate the public on the benefits of an in-home sprinkler system.

Barney Silver and I met to discuss the Town's options for long term repairs to the area that is eroding away on Mutton Lane. He presented three options in which I in turn presented to the group for discussion. We determined the best option is to attempt to relocate that section of the road in question to the left. The Town's legal staff was present so we also discussed the benefits of having a road maintenance contract. We will continue to work with legal as well as residents in order to present an agreement that is acceptable to all parties involved.

Mike Hopkins from Hopkins Paving and I met to discuss the work that has been done to date. I am happy to report that all paving that was scheduled for this year has been completed. We also discussed which roads will need to be paved in the next season and he will provide me with estimates.

# Manager's Report For November 19, 2018 Council Meeting

I met with Michael Ludwig from EMDC to discuss what services they could provide to the Town if we partner with them. I feel this meeting was beneficial and we will continue the discussion.

Representatives from the Bangor Daily News contacted me in regards to the local records management system for the Police Department. They are looking for ways we can provide them with more daily data. After meeting with them, we decided it would be more beneficial for them to discuss this at the County level. I arraigned for them to be on the agenda at the next County meeting in November.

The last long-term upgrade that should be completed on the Municipal building is spray in insulation. After meeting with a local contractor I have received an estimate to spray insulate the building. The estimate has been broken down into three sections. One section (FD living /office space) I would like to have completed during the current fiscal year and will look for funding in order to complete this. The remaining sections will be budgeted in later fiscal years.

After experiencing mechanical trouble with one of the Fire engines, it was determined that the turbo on the truck needed to be replaced. This repair was not budgeted for but needed to be completed in order for the truck to be put back in service. We need to look at increasing the maintenance budget for these trucks as they are aging.

The Cemetery Committee contacted me regarding flag placement and flower planting next spring. They are in need of volunteers to help with this task so I reached out to Principal Cyr in hopes the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class would be interested in volunteering. Principal Cyr and I agree this will be a great community project and will finalize the plan in the spring.

I along with the Public Safety Director from Old Town, Fire Chief from Bradford and the Deputy Chief from Bangor Fire were asked to sit on the hiring board for the new Deputy Director for Penobscot Regional Communications Center. We have currently interviewed a total of 5 candidates.

As you may be aware, Officer Matt Parkhurst has accepted a job offer in South Carolina. Therefore, we have started the hiring process for a new full time officer. I have received numerous applications and once reviewed, will be scheduling interviews.

The amendments presented at the special Town meeting were approved and the School budget validation passed. Voter turnout on Election Day was outstanding with 999 votes cast. I would like to thank the Office staff as well as Ballot Clerks for making this day a success. Julie Strout deserves special recognition and thanks for all the hard work she put in to the election.

The Town has received 4 deliveries of salt for winter road maintenance. So far we have had one call out for slippery/snow covered roads.



# **Manager's Report For November 19, 2018 Council Meeting**

I attended the School's Halloween Hullabaloo as well as a trick or treating event the Fire Department held. Both events were very well attended.

After receiving complaints regarding numerous cats/kittens residing in two homes, the Old Town Animal Orphanage and I worked diligently to remove 34 of these cats and kittens. I continue to work with the home owners in order to have the remaining 8 animals spayed and/or neutered to prevent this from happening in the future. I would like to thank the Animal Orphanage for their outstanding help with this issue.

The Director of the Law Enforcement program at UTC sent out an area wide request for donations of surplus property which will allow them to outfit a cruiser for instructional purposes. I was able to donate some surplus items and the Director was extremely thankful.

I continue to work with Eastern Area on Aging in providing food supplement boxes to the seniors. This month 13 boxes were supplied. The program continues to be a success and one I am proud to offer to our seniors.

The Orrington interim Town Manager as well as the Sgt. for the Orrington Police Department are in the process of seeking approval to build a new public safety building and wanted to view our new station. Both were very impressed with everything and have called since asking additional questions.

I along with Police and Fire staff attended a Veterans celebration at the School in which the Police Department presented a flag for the event. A/C Metcalf was also recognized for his work with the children on fire safety. Both Departments were well represented.

I had the privilege of representing the Town at a turkey drive in Brewer that is put on by a local radio station in partnership with Penquis. This was the first time I have participated in the event but will certainly attend in the future.

Three 3 signs with the Town's new logo have installed at the municipal building. One is over the Town Office entrance, the others over the Fire and Police Department entrances. I have received several positive comments about the addition of these signs.

## **Attachments:**

1. Thank you note to Tradewinds for the donation of 2 gates
2. Email from Veazie Salmon Club
3. Memo to Hopkins on end of year and next year paving
4. Agenda and previous meeting minutes for BASWG
5. Thank you letter from Lifeflight
6. Thank you card to Sgt. Fizell



10/1/18

Dear Mr. Lawrence & Shadewinds  
Variety,

I want to thank you as  
well as Shadewinds Variety  
for your generous gift. The  
2 gates valued at \$2,000 will  
be great additions to the Trun  
Park and Trun Forest.

Thank you again for your kindness.  
Mark Leonard



Message

Mon, Oct 15, 2018 4:28 PM

From: Andy Fitzpatrick <andy.fitzpatrick2@gmail.com>  
To: Mark Leonard  
Cc: Robert Wengrzynek <dambuster@reagan.com>  
 James Matarazzo <matarazzo@husson.edu>  
  
Subject: Veazie Salmon Club

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Mark ,

Also please let the Council know that the Veazie Salmon Club is now running a new website [veaziesalmonclub.org](http://veaziesalmonclub.org) and also we have a Facebook presence. Currently we are cresting about 40 members and climbing. I think the online membership and donations will really help crank up momentum.

Our intention is full revival of the Club to original bylaws and community support. We are still a fishing club working actively to promote at minimum a limited catch and release season for Atlantic Salmon. Meantime we are promoting environmental stewardship and fishing for all the other species like shad and smallmouth. We are partnering again with the other salmon clubs, outdoor rec clubs, and many other organizations aimed at Maine's outdoor traditions. The Norman Bacon Scholarship has gone to a UMaine junior/senior pursuing marine biology annually since it was created decades ago.

We extend our heartfelt invitation to all Council members to come and visit the Veazie Salmon Club anytime! The Veazie Salmon Club is a historic organization with global membership and we are very proud of our town.

I meant to ask you is there any way we might get a small paragraph or area in the Town Newsletter each month to highlight activities at the Veazie Salmon Club?

All the Best,

Andy Fitzpatrick

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# Town of Veazie

**To:** Hopkins Paving  
**From:** Mark Leonard, Town Manager  
**Date:** October 19, 2018  
**RE:** End of year work

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## **Paving:**

1. Rear Parking lot at Municipal Building near PD entrance
2. End of Driveway at 9 Silver Ridge
3. End of Driveway at 1104 Buckhill Drive (Corner of Buckhill and Jackson Dr)
4. End of Sunset Drive at Chase Rd
5. Shim near sewer cover in area of 1013 Randolph Drive
6. Patch paving numerous locations on Olive Street (storm drains)
7. (2) sewer covers at rear of Veazie Community School
8. Intersection of Randolph and Prouty
9. Box cut/ Mill Thompson Rd extension

## **Misc. Work:**

1. Raise catch basin near 1128 Chase Rd/ pave when complete
2. Back fill side of Chase Rd in area of 1111 Chase Rd
3. Lines striped at Town Office

## **Estimates: (\*next paving season)**

1. Buck Hill loop (Jackson Drive to Jackson Drive)
2. Silver Ridge\*
  - A. One estimate from Chase Rd to Hillside Drive (right side of subdivision)
  - B. One Estimate from Chase Rd to Hillside Dr (left side of subdivision)
3. Randolph/Birchwood Dr.



**Bangor Area Stormwater Group Meeting**  
**November 8, 2018**  
**Location: Hampden Town Office, Hampden, Maine**  
**9:00 am – 11:00 am**

**AGENDA**

- 9:00 am**      **Welcome and Roundrobin Introductions (5 min)**
- 9:05 am**      **Maine DEP Update (10 min)**
- 9:15 am**      **Discussion about Expected 6<sup>th</sup> Draft Permit Process (15 min)**
- Moving into PY6 of the current permit (July 1, 2019-June 30, 2020)
  - Stakeholder engagement with 6<sup>th</sup> Draft Permit (December meeting focus)
- 9:30 am**      **Planning for PY6 (60 min)**
- Draft PY6 Budget review and discussion
  - Presentation from Pulse Marketing about options to move forward
  - Revision of draft PY6 budget, if needed
- 10:30 am**      **Update on E&O Activities (15 min)**
- Group review and approval of outline for foundation grant (Due Oct 15<sup>th</sup>)
  - Science Festival preparations and activity
  - Children's Museum Display
- 10:45 am**      **Organizational Business (15 min min)**
- Approval of Minutes
  - Treasurer's Update
  - Review of BASWG Contact List (send edits/additions to [Brenda@aswm.org](mailto:Brenda@aswm.org))
  - Next meeting agendas (December focus on 6<sup>th</sup> draft permit)
- 11:00 am**      **BASWG Meeting Adjourns**  
*Executive Committee members should be prepared to stay for up to 30 minutes after the meeting to address any items, if needed.*

**Bangor Area Stormwater Group**  
**October 11, 2018 Meeting Minutes**  
**Location: Old Town City Hall, Old Town, Maine**  
**9:00 am – 11:00 am**

**Attendees:** Karen Cullen, Chase Main, Rhonda Poirier, Taylor LaBrecque, Cara Belanger, Chris Green, Andrea Dickinson, Cam Amoroso, Kyle Drexler, Tracy Drew, Alton Huston, Sarah Commeau, Rich May, John Rouleau, Jr. **Facilitator:** Brenda Zollitsch.

**Welcome and Introductions**

John R. welcomed everyone and asked for round-robin introductions. The group welcomed Alton Huston and Sarah Commeau attending from Milford.

**Update on DEP Happenings**

Rhonda P. has asked Gregg Wood at DEP for clarification about when the permit will be effective. The draft permit is still with EPA (Tedder Newton). Aubrey Strauss has been engaged in permit writing with DEP (the specific role she has/is playing is not clear; she is a stormwater engineer contracted by the DEP in an “acting” capacity). There are murmurings that the permit is changing since the 5<sup>th</sup> version, with more in-depth, wet weather monitoring. What changes are accepted/added will not be clear until it returns from EPA Region 1.

lengthiness of the process is concerning and the group has heard about potential changes. The BASWG wants to ensure that the stakeholder process is not bypassed if meaningful changes have been made since the last version. The BASWG has concerns about the permit being issues in July 2019 if this delay is not necessary, but would accept the delay if there are changes that stakeholders need to discuss. There are also questions about whether if the new permit is not issued soon, whether the BASWG will move into year 6 of the current permit. However, there are concerns, as Year 5 included comprehensive evaluation that should not be repeated in Year 6, rather PY6 would need to look more like PY4 of this cycle permit. **Action:** The BASWG will submit an email to Gregg Wood asking for clarifications. Brenda Z. will draft an email to Gregg W. with review by Rich M. and Andrea D.

**Training on Salt Management and Melt Chemicals**

Frank Belevieau of Innovative Surface Solutions provided a presentation, followed by Q&A. His presentation covered the use of sand in Maine, sand and salt, and the importance of pretreatment for chloride reduction. Being able to eliminate just one run can save \$33k. He covered eutectic temperature of liquids, (the temperature at which a liquid freezes). He discussed the treatment of stockpile with a one-time application. He covered the values of chloride reduction for the environment and public safety. The value of lower application rates includes reduced labor and equipment costs. He reviewed different products and their strengths and weaknesses.

He provided a lot of specific information about application options and measures, which are documented in the PowerPoint (See attached). The group discussed some of their specific efforts to reduce the use and impact of chlorides. He reminded BASWG members that Brian Burne has a lot of knowledge about these issues (Maine DOT). **Actions:** The BASWG may want to consider bringing Frank B. back to the area to provide a presentation to contractors that work in the private sector. Additionally, Brenda Z. will work with John R. to develop a case study about their many efforts to reduce chloride use.

### **Education and Outreach**

**Children's Water Festival** – Rich and Karen joined Cara and Jeff from SEE to deliver a booth and interactive activity at the festival. Used watershed model, gave out poop emoji pencils (connected to BASWG stormwater emojis). Between 600-700 students attended the festival, the vast majority of which interacted with the BASWG display. **Action:** The BASWG will make a new watershed model more tailored to area items to represent a watershed. John R. will take the lead on developing the new model (estimated size of 4' x 8').

**Bus Signage:** The BASWG's internal signs are in process. The BASWG members discussed whether or not to take the opportunity to extend the use of the bus wrap for another six months at the cost of \$2,700. Rich M. shared information about reach with the signage. The group is interested in pursuing this because of its extended use of the existing wrap. **Action:** The BASWG will request a contract with the METRO bus staff.

**BASWG Videos:** The BASWG is interested in learning how to better utilize the two videos (children and white board) that it has. Members are also interested in the possibility of developing a SW101 video for use with municipal leaders, councils/selectmen, and for use on public access television. **Action:** Pulse will provide a proposal including this effort at the next BASWG meeting.

**Children's Museum Display:** There is no new news on these efforts at this time. There is a meeting upcoming. **Action:** Rich M., John R. and Brenda Z. will attend the meeting.

**Pulse Contract Extension Approved to End of the Permit Cycle:** The BASWG seeks to ensure continuation of existing efforts until the new permit is in place. At that time, the BASWG will consider its contracting process. Until that time, the BASWG seeks to continue the contract with pulse until the end of the current permit cycle. **Decision:** Karen C. made the motion to extend Pulse's contract to the end of the current permit cycle. Tracy D. seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous vote. A quorum was present.

**Statewide Collaboration during Next Permit Cycle:** Brenda Z. was contacted by Kristie R. to discuss the possibility of statewide collaboration. SMSWG is interested in the work that BASWG has been doing with Pulse. Their notes indicate that SMSWG concurs that "the ducky ads are getting tired and need to be updated." Review of the BASWG materials and approach by SMSWG found that BASWG's efforts "looked fresher and could be a good starting point for a new awareness program" by SMSWG. SMSWG is interested in talking with the BASWG about partnering in the next permit cycle. **Decision:** The BASWG



is interested in having discussions with SMSWG about their ideas. **Action:** While BASWG has invested significant time and money in developing the new images and approach, they would consider moving forward with enhancements with other partners. The BASWG will invite Kristie R. to come meet with the BASWG to discuss ideas. The BASWG is open to discussions about various partnerships and efforts, but wants to make sure the BASWG “brand” and regional specialization is not lost in this process.

**Developing Grant Proposal to Support Extra Community Information Gathering:** Brenda Z. shared a one-page sheet that summarized the outreach requirements for the proposed permit that was created by SMSWG. This will be used to discuss compliance work for E&O in the next permit cycle, once the permit is finalized. She also indicated there are upcoming grant opportunities that the BASWG could use to gather more information to enhance outreach and volunteer engagement. **Action:** Brenda Z. will discuss options with the Executive Committee to determine which opportunities to pursue with which proposals. A grant that is due on October 15<sup>th</sup> will be brought to the group for discussion at the November BASWG meeting.

### **Organizational Business**

**Approval of Minutes:** John R. made the motion to accept the minutes. Kyle D. seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

**Contact List:** Brenda is still seeking information to complete the revised contact list.

**Treasurer's Update:** The BASWG has \$2,700 above its reserve limit for closing funds at the end of the permit cycle. **Decision:** The group voted to fund the extension of the bus wrap for six months at the cost of \$2,700 which will bring the reserve back to its planned limit.

**Upcoming Meetings:** The November BASWG meeting will be held at the Orono Town Office on November 8<sup>th</sup>. (this location has since changed to the Hampden Town Office). Agenda items will include the 2019-2020 BASWG budget, education and outreach plans, and next cycle permit activities. The December meeting will be held at EMCC and will continue to work on the budget and the regional SWMP in response to the new permit.

November 9, 2018

Town of Veazie  
1084 Main St  
Veazie, ME 04401

Dear Veazie Citizens:

Thank you for your past funding of LifeFlight. To date, nearly 200 towns support LifeFlight with donations collectively totaling over \$290,000 – a remarkable achievement since the first \$100 town contribution we received in 2004. And every year another group of Maine towns steps forward with a first-time or renewed commitment. This past spring a select board member told us, *"Thank you for what you do. You change Maine."* At LifeFlight we are reminded annually of the positive support provided by the communities of Maine and the citizens they represent. **Town budget allocations clearly impact critical care in Maine – and the numbers keep climbing.**

This year LifeFlight celebrates 20 years of caring for the people of Maine. Over two decades, the state's emergency medical helicopters have touched the lives of more than 25,000 patients and their families. On September 29, 1998, dispatchers fielded the first request for LifeFlight's helicopter – a scene call to the remote woods of Washington County. Less than two months later, the Lewiston-based helicopter responded to its first call. More recently, in March of 2017 LifeFlight added a third helicopter operation, based in Sanford. Now, all three helicopters (and a new fixed-wing airplane) are regularly in the air at the same time – all serving critical care patients.

A lot has changed over the past 20 years. Rural healthcare providers face enormous financial challenges, medical treatments and technology have changed radically, Maine's demographics are shifting. The need for LifeFlight continues to grow. Our team of critical care specialists has nearly doubled in size since we began in 1998 and the number of requests for critical care transport steadily increases at a rate of 5% to 11% each year.

**LifeFlight takes care of all patients regardless of location, insurance status, or the ability to pay for the cost of care.** We support and work with local EMS, Fire/Rescue, and hospital providers in every community across the state in a 24-hours-a-day, 365-days-a-year partnership. LifeFlight of Maine is among the most efficient providers of critical care air medical services, with the lowest costs and charges in New England. We work hard to safely provide the highest quality of care while keeping charges among the lowest of all air ambulance services in the country.

**12 Veazie residents have been transported by LifeFlight of Maine to specialized care since the service began in 1998 including 1 this past year.**

In a serious emergency, every minute counts. In meeting Maine's need for critical care, every town's participation counts. I hope Veazie will consider a donation of \$960 this next fiscal year (a rate of \$0.50 per capita). Funds contributed by Maine's municipalities will be dedicated to the aircraft replacement fund unless otherwise specified. **Thank you for your past and continued support of this vital public service. Thank you for helping us change Maine.**

Please contact Melissa Marchetti at 207-230-7092 or [mmarchetti@lifeflightmaine.org](mailto:mmarchetti@lifeflightmaine.org) with any questions, or if additional information is required with this request.

Sincerely,



Thomas Judge  
Executive Director  
LifeFlight of Maine and LifeFlight Foundation

**p.s. If a past request was recently approved and an invoice is required, please contact us so we may submit the invoice.**

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Dear Sergeant Eugene,

Thank you for yours.

You were a blessing in  
a difficult situation. My  
Wife and I are very appreciative  
of all you have done. I hope  
Paul has finally found peace.  
We are still trying to get things  
resolved. One step @ a time.  
We will keep you in our prayers.

Steve

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