Veazie Town Council Special Meeting

 March 22nd, 2016

**Members Present**: Chairman Tammy Perry, Councilor Robert Rice, Councilor Chris Bagley, Councilor Karen Walker, Councilor David King, Manager Mark Leonard, Secretary Julie Strout, PERC representatives and various members of the public.

**Members Absent**:

All present

**ITEM 1: Call to order**

Chairman Tammy Perry called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

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

All present

**ITEM 3: Pledge of Allegiance**

**ITEM 4: Comments from the public**

None

**New Business:**

**ITEM 5: PERC Presentation**

Bob Knudsen and Kevin Tritz reviewed their presentation with the Council.

Here are some key advantages of PERC: from their handout:

PERC has a 28-year record of consistent, reliable operation. It is a fully licensed, environmentally compliant facility using known and proven technology. Professional engineering reports say it can operate successfully for another 20 years. No technology risk**.**

The pricing in PERC’s new long-term disposal contracts is fixed, except for a standard increase based on the Consumer Price Index(CPI). The price for operations and disposal of residue and bypass disposal are already included in the contracts, plus PERC’s debt will be paid off by 2018. No financial risk.

No guaranteed annual tonnage (GAT) requirements, put-or-pay obligations or Delivery Diversion Charges at PERC post 2018. No risk of penalties.

Guaranteed back-up disposal at $60/ton tipping fees through Casella at Juniper Ridge landfill in the PERC plant is ever temporarily out of service. No risk for disposal options**.**

Municipalities retain complete control of decision-making authority for solid waste management options. No risk of losing local control.

MRC Equity Charter Municipalities could apply their proportionate share of their ownership interest in PERC as a PERC tipping fee discount or to offset municipal expenses. No risk of losing equity value.

MRC Charter Municipalities also can apply their share of the Tip Fee Stabilization Fund as a further PERC tipping fee discount or receive a distribution of their fund share to self direct towards local needs. No risk of losing funds value.

PERC can offer a full service integrated package to meet any municipality’s solid waste management needs through its collaboration with Casella, WasteZero and Agri-Energy, which all have reliable programs and services (e.g. Zero-Sort; food waste diversion and PAYT) to reduce the amount of MSW that would otherwise need to be disposed at PERC, lowering total costs for the municipality through increased diversion. No risk of being locked into a one-size fits all program.

The PERC-based program incorporates the services of established businesses already operating successfully in Maine and does not require any outside funding or municipal investment. No general obligation or market risk.

**ITEM 6: Comments from the Public**

None

**ITEM 7: Adjournment**

Councilor David King motioned to adjourn

Councilor Chris Bagley seconded. No discussion. Voted 5-0-0.Motion carried.

Adjourned at 8:23pm

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Julie Strout, Deputy Clerk