

AGENDA

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AGENDA NOTES and MANAGER'S REPORT

For Monday September 12th @ 7 PM Veazie Council Chambers

ITEM 5a: Manager's Review - Action:

This item was rescheduled to this date per directive of the Council Chair after several earlier attempts of scheduling. The Town's attorney will be present for this evening's session.

I have noted to the Town attorney in writing that this item will be held in open session in order to promote transparency in government. In the past, the manager's review had been held in executive session, which is allowed by law. That past action had seemed to cast a cloud of secrecy on the matter, which does not need to exist. Over the past several years Council members have discussed the need for improved transparency and this is my good faith effort to promote sunshine laws in government.

Please your evaluation forms and other documents for discussion.

Also please find attached a list of accomplishments over the past year.

ITEM 6a: Sewer District Assessment ~ Discussion:

Councilor Parker requested this item for Monday night's agenda for follow up discussion with the Town attorney on his opinion of the Sewer District's Assessment and the 'repealed by implication' question that the former Town assessor and management had requested per requests and concerns.

Please find attached a copy of the opinion.

ITEM 6b: Retiree Recognition Letter - Action:

Please find enclosed a copy of the drafted letter to Allan Thomas in recognition of his years of service of the community and his efforts to help the Town during the transitions. Councilor Parker requested that staff draft up a letter for Town Council consideration since Mr. Thomas had preformed many years of service to the community and even during the difficult transition that a peaceful resolve and good faith efforts insured that the new Town assessor could get the 2011 commitment out in a timely manner.

ITEM 8. Please find enclosed:

- a.) The copy of the rental unit code that Orono has for rental properties. I had a meeting with the Orono Town Manager on a number of mutual areas that we could work on and it was a very productive dialog.
- b.) A copy a resignation notice from the RSU – this was emailed to all members when we received it. The RSU is requesting an appointment to the board. Please put some thought on any nominees that you may have for the position. It will be on the next agenda.
- c.) A copy of a letter from the Superintendent pertaining to the first meeting of the Cost Sharing Review Committee. The meeting is scheduled for 09/27/2011.
- d.) A copy of the Fire Department's monthly report.
- e.) A copy of the Irrevocable Stand By Letter of Credit issued by the FHLB in the sum of \$2 million dollars for the Town of Veazie via TDBank.
- f.) A copy of the email that was sent out pertaining to the recording of the Council meetings and its placement of the website.
- g.) A copy of an email pertaining to the development of the Hazardous Community Tree program. In the past we have had an annual inspection program. This coming year we are implementing a formal document program so that future budgets can be planned and hopefully to also reduce property loss in the future during bad weather / storm periods.
- h.) A copy of an email sent to Councilor Perkins questioning his pending litigation comment at the last Town Council meeting, which caused concerns by staff, councilor member and the news. No reply had been received.
- i.) A copy of the Conservation Commission's minutes and thank you letter.
- j.) An update~ this past week the assessing team and I had a phone conference with Dynegy. It was very productive and we will be having several more in the coming weeks. We will also be having a site visit in the coming month. We have also been touring the Town and reviewing areas. On a side note the assessing team is using Town staff to an increased level and it has come to surface that staff time and involvement with the public will increase a great deal more since the elimination of the full time position.
- k.) Lastly, Rob Young the Parks and Rec Director informed staff that the ~ the Veazie Days will be the weekend of the 17th. The date was changed due to Orono's Old Home Weekend and several other conflicts which were causing concerns on attendance.

PRESENT: Chairman Friedman, Councilor Perkins, Councilor King, Councilor Parker, Councilor Olson, Manager W. Reed, Deputy Clerk K. Humphrey, Office Administrator J. Reed, Police Chief M. Leonard, Fire Chief G. Martin, Recreation Director R. Young, Public Works Director B. Stoyell

ITEM 1. The August 29, 2011 Veazie Town Council meeting was called to order at 7:00PM.

ITEM 2. Consideration of the Minutes

Motion By: Councilor King—to accept the August 15, 2011 meeting minutes as written. Seconded: Councilor Parker, Voted 5-0 in favor.

ITEM 3. Consideration of Agenda

Donald MacKay wished to add a thank you letter from the Conservation Commission.

Chairman Friedman stated he would like to remove item 5b from the agenda and discuss it at a later date. Councilor Perkins stated he would like to see it withdrawn because of possible pending litigation. Councilor King, Councilor Parker and Councilor Olson were all in agreement to withdraw the item.

ITEM 4. Comments from the Public

Member of the public Patrick Joyce inquired about renter liability. He outlined that in his neighborhood there is a house that is rented by college students and there seems to be a lot of speeding cars. He outlined that in Orono they passed an ordinance regarding renters. Manager Reed outlined that the Town of Veazie did not have a renters ordinance. He stated that he would talk with the town manager of Orono and see what their ordinance entails.

Member of the public Patrick Joyce inquired about real estate taxes and how to go about getting a rebate back. Manager Reed outlined that there is a statute of limitations on abatements, after that it's a committed tax. Manager Reed recommended he speak with the new assessor.

ITEM 5a. Appointments - Action

Motion By: Councilor Perkins—to appoint Patricia Rice to the position of Budget Committee member for a three year term expiring June 30, 2014. Seconded: Councilor King, Voted 4-1 in favor.

Motion By: Councilor Perkins—to appoint Patrick Joyce to the position of Budget Committee member for a three year term expiring June 30, 2014. Seconded: Chairman Friedman, Voted 5-0 in favor.

Motion By: Councilor Perkins—to appoint Charles Osgood to the position of Budget Committee member for a three year term expiring June 30, 2014. Seconded: Councilor King, Voted 4-1 in favor.

Motion By: Councilor Perkins—to appoint Roderick Hathaway to the position of Associate Budget Committee member for a one year term expiring June 30, 2012. Seconded: Councilor Olson. Voted 4-1 in favor.

Motion By: Councilor King—to appoint Marilynn Bishop to the position of Associate Budget Committee member for a one year term expiring June 30, 2012. Seconded: Councilor Olson, Voted 2-3, motion fails.

Motion By: Councilor Perkins—to appoint Charles Osgood to the position of Planning Board associate member for a one year term expiring on June 30, 2012. Seconded: Councilor Olson, Voted 4-1 in favor.

Motion By: Councilor Perkins—to appoint Carolyn Hathaway and James Killarney to the position of Conservation Commission member for a three year term expiring on June 30, 2014. Seconded: Councilor King, Voted 5-0 in favor.

Motion By: Chairman Friedman—to appoint Robert Rice to the position of Board of Appeals member for a three year term expiring on June 30, 2014. Seconded: Councilor Parker, Voted 5-0 in favor.

ITEM 5b. Thank You Letters
Removed from agenda.

ITEM 5c. Community Center Letter - Discussion
Manager Reed stated that Councilor Parker had asked that this be placed on the agenda.

Councilor Parker was concerned with a comment from Mr. Kennedy to Deputy Treasurer Julie Reed regarding the Town having to start paying him for the Veazie kids to continue to be able to come to the school at a reduced rate once the portion the Town uses to offset his back rent expires.

Manager Reed stated that he did not understand why Mr. Kennedy would have to increase costs to the students when there has been no increase in cost to him. Rent has not increased from the town.

Councilor Perkins stated that Mr. Kennedy's letter seem to be one of frustration, frustration on the care of the building and the security of the building. He felt Mr. Kennedy had the right to be frustrated.

ITEM 6a. Updated Highway Projects List
Town Engineer Travis Noyes stated he would provide a formal list of roads at the next meeting but verbally went over them with the Town Council. There was discussion on the conditions of Longmeadow Drive and Shore Road. It was noted that they may not want to put any money into the Shore Road where it was originally intended to be a dirt road and there are complaints of speeding on it.

Councilor Olson requested that complaints on streets be logged.

ITEM 6b. Engineering RFQ - Discussion
Manager Reed outlined that at the last Council meeting there was a request made for staff to estimate the coming year's engineering costs. Manager Reed went over the projected costs for QA/QC, community center and storm water.

There was discussion on storm water and who could do the work. It was outlined that storm water was 20 percent of the former CEO's job and currently no one is doing the work. CES Inc. continues to do all of the permitting. It was the consensus to have Manager Reed, Public Works Superintendent Brian Stoyell, Sewer District Superintendent Gary Brooks and Phil Ruck of CES Inc. meet and discuss an economical way to handle the storm water requirements. Manager Reed will report back at the end of September.

ITEM 7. Additions by Council

There were no additions.

ITEM 8. Manager's Report

The Town Council reviewed the following items:

- a. Assessor's report and coming year's work plan.

Chairman Friedman wished to thank Assessor Birch for getting the tax bills out so quickly.

ITEM 9. Requests for Information and Town Council Comments

Councilor Parker inquired on how things were going with code enforcement. Manager Reed stated that Brian Stoyell has been handling most of the code enforcement.

Chairman Friedman inquired whether there was any truth to the rumor that the assistant fire chief had resigned. Manager Reed stated that the assistant fire chief had indeed resigned.

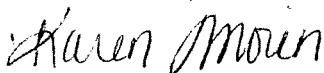
Councilor Olson stated that she wished to get copies of the recordings for the July 18th and August 1st meetings. Deputy Clerk Karen Morin stated that the files were large and if Councilor Olson could bring in a USB drive that would work best.

Councilor Perkins inquired on who handled the bidding process when the Town had acquired properties through foreclosure. Manager Reed stated that it is handled by the office.

ITEM 10. Review of Town Warrants 5, 5A and Town Payroll 5

ITEM 11. Adjournment: Motion: Councilor King—to adjourn the August 29, 2011 Town Council Meeting. Seconded: Councilor Olson. There was no further discussion. Voted 5-0. Meeting adjourned 8:16 pm.

A true record, Attest:



Karen Morin

Deputy Clerk

Town of Veazie

List of accomplishments in FY 2010 - 2011

- DECD Healthy Homes Regional Grant - Grant \$300,000
- Worked with CCRAC and EMDC staff on Maine Community Foundation Grant
- Assisted CEO on Marijuana Cultivation and Disp Public Hearing and notices and answering questions from the public and developers
- Storm Water Permit ~ assisted the CEO with this project
- Worked with EMDC staff on Energy Efficiency Grants 50 /50 \$16,000 -CCRAC
- Worked with EMDC staff on PUC Grant- CCRAC. (\$30,000)
- Developed Assessors RFQ
- Implemented ~ executed Agreement
- Worked on settlement with assessor / Ceo with Insurer and attorney
- Worked with new assessor, former assessor and office staff to insure a timely commitment.
- Developed Grounds Maintenance RFQ
- Implemented ~ executed Agreement
- Developed Winter Maintenance RFQ
- Implemented ~ executed Agreement
- Developed Audit RFQ
- Implemented ~ executed Agreement
- Oversaw proposal process of many projects
- Over saw transition of Grounds and winter maintenance privatization projects.
- Worked with the new PW director and the city of Bangor on the new vehicle maintenance agreement with the city (first regional effort)
- Currently working with new auditors with staff
- Worked with new public works director and changes of department
- Worked with transition and retirement of former Public works Director
- Worked on Communications Study with Consultant
- Worked with department heads on departmental reviews
- Discussion of road bonding ~ idea killed after election per Chairs discussions
- Discussion of pay per bag ~ idea killed
- Working on new Union Contract with Town attorney
- Worked on Waste Management Extension Agreement
- Work with consultant of review of organizational assessment proposal
- Worked with the BAT to have a presentation of service
- Worked with Silvers and had updates
- Worked on the telecommunications issues with State and ordinance development
- Resolved and worked with Comeau property matter for reasonable cost
- Working with regional efforts on regionalization
- Working on assessing RFP - and regional effort on assessing
- Working on regional CEO effort
- Oversaw Management Training seminar with consultant ~ 2 day for senior staff (team building and mission and objectives)
- Grant awarded for COPS Grant

- Worked with BACTS to developed Resolution on Weight Limits on the interstate.
- Worked with CES on roads projects review
- Assessed new drainage and roadway concerns
- County Hazard Mitigation Plan approved after review by staff.
- Dealt with several personnel matters over the year
- Dealt with citizen and council requests
- Worked with former Council Chair on new agenda format.
- Worked with former Auditor on transition of data to new auditor
- Successful Audit in the worst economy in many years.
- Review the breakup and outsourcing of the former CEO / Assessor / Planning officer

I am very sure that this short list of accomplishments is overlooking a number of projects. This was just to serve as an overview.

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MEMORANDUM

Date: June 9, 2011
To: William Reed
From: Tom Russell
Re: Sewer Assessment to Town of Veazie

You have asked me to research the issue of whether the Veazie Sewer District has the legal authority to make an assessment against the Town of Veazie, purportedly pursuant to the provisions of Section 11 of Chapter 114 of the Private and Special Laws of 1951, which Chapter created the District and is commonly referred to as the "Charter" of the District.

I have obtained and reviewed materials from the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library concerning the Private and Special Laws adopted by the Maine Legislature related to the Veazie Sewer District.

The Veazie Sewer District was created by Chapter 114 of the 1951 Private and Special Laws of Maine. It is a separate legal entity. The District was created for the purposes of taking over, controlling and managing the sewer owned by the Town of Veazie, extending, increasing, enlarging and improving the sewers and drains, and generally to provide a system of sanitary sewage and stormwater drainage for public purposes. The District was granted the authority to acquire and hold property (including the right of eminent domain) and to lay pipes and build and maintain a sewer collection and treatment system.

The District is governed by a three member Board of Trustees, each serving a staggered three year term. The Trustees are to be elected by the inhabitants of the District. If there is a vacancy on the Board, the municipal officers of the Town of Veazie are to appoint a replacement to serve the remainder of the unexpired term for that vacant position.

Section 8 of Chapter 114 authorized the District to borrow money and to issue bonds and notes up to a total amount of \$50,000 outstanding at any one time. Section 9 of Chapter 114 directed the Trustees to establish a sinking fund for any bonds or notes payable that are made to run for a period of years. Section 9 also called for the establishment of a sinking fund to pay off any bonds or notes that are made to run for a period of years, and provides that not less than 3 1/3 % of the total principal amount of such bonds or notes issued shall be paid annually into the fund.

Section 10 of Chapter 114 provided that with respect to the manner of constructing drains and sewers, the assessment of abutting owners for the cost of the same and the collection of assessments, and all other matters referred to in the following sections of the 1944 statute, the Trustees of the District shall be governed by the provisions of Section 136 and 137 of Chapter 84 of the revised statutes of 1944 and any amendments thereto. Section 136 of said Chapter 84 provided that once a public drain or common sewer has been constructed, the Trustees shall estimate and assess against owners of lots or parcels that are benefited by such drain or sewer a sum that they determine to be just and equitable to defray the expenses of construction. The total assessments cannot exceed one-half of the cost of the drain or sewer. These assessments are commonly referred to as "betterment assessments," as opposed to user fees or assessments. Section 137 created a mechanism for persons to challenge the assessments made pursuant to Section 136. The referenced sections of the 1944 statute made no mention of the assessment of user fees.

Section 11 of Chapter 114 provided that the Trustees shall determine: (1) what sum is required each year for sinking fund payments (or other debt payments) and interest payments and (2) what sum is required each year "to meet other necessary expenses in the district". After the application of all funds received from the assessments levied pursuant to Section 10 to the combined amounts determined above, the Trustees shall issue a Warrant to the assessor of the Town of Veazie. The assessor is required to assess the total sum so determined by the Trustees upon the taxable property within the District and to commit the same to the tax collector of the Town.

The Library provided me with copies of eight Private and Special Laws that amended the original Charter of the District. Most of the Private and Special Laws that were enacted dealt with increasing the debt limit for the District. However, Chapter 101 of the 1987 Private and Special Laws enacted new Sections 16 and 17 for the Charter. Section 16 provides as follows:

"Sec. 16 Rates. All persons and all corporations, private, public and municipal, shall pay to the treasurer of the district rates established by the board of trustees for the services used or available to them, which rates shall be uniform within the district and, notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, may include rates for the district's readiness to serve charged against owners of land abutting on or accessible to sewers or drains of the district, but not actually connected to them and shall be so established as to provide revenue for the following purposes:

1. Current expenses. To pay the current expenses for operating and maintaining the sewerage system;
2. Interest. To provide for the payment of the interest on the indebtedness of the district; and
3. Sinking fund. To provide each year a sum, in the amount prescribed by section 9, which sum shall be paid into any sinking fund established pursuant to section 9."

Section 16 authorizes the District to establish rates for sewer services used by, or available to, all persons and all corporations located within the District. Section 16 provides that all the rates “shall be so established as to provide revenue for” the purposes set forth above. The enumerated purposes set forth in Section 16 are virtually the same as the purposes of the assessment to the assessor of the Town of Veazie under Section 11 of the original Charter. However, although Section 16(3) makes reference to the sinking fund provisions in Section 9 of the original Charter, Section 16 makes no reference to Section 11 of the original Charter, and did not expressly repeal Section 11. The Library provided me with the documentation available concerning the legislative history of Chapter 101, but there was nothing in the legislative history concerning the relationship between the original Section 11 and the new Section 16 of the Charter. The original bill, L.D. 2516, stated in its preamble that certain provisions of the Charter of the District “are inadequate for the district to properly carry out its functions,” and that this prevents the District “from effectively administering the business of the district, including the collection of unpaid rates.” The Statement of Fact for L.D. 2516 provided that the purpose of the bill was “to clarify the authority of the district to set rates to cover the expenses of the district and to impose liens for nonpayment of those rates.” The Statement of Fact also provided that the collection procedure in the bill was the same procedure used by sanitary districts under Title 38 M.R.S. § 1208.

Even though Section 11 of the original Charter was not expressly repealed by the legislature upon the enactment of Chapter 101 in 1988, I believe that an argument can be made that Section 11 was repealed under the doctrine of “repeal by implication.”

The Supreme Judicial Court of Maine has held on a number of occasions that when a later enactment encompasses the entire subject matter of an earlier enactment, the earlier enactment is considered to be repealed by implication. The implied repeal of an earlier enactment by a later enactment is grounded “in the reasonable inference that the legislative body could not have intended that there should be two distinct enactments on the same subject matter in force at the same time, and that the newer enactment, being the most recent expression of legislative will, must be deemed a substitute for the previous enactment.” *Lewiston Firefighters Association v. City of Lewiston*, 354 A.2d 154 (Me. 1976), quoting *Knight v. Aroostook Railroad*, 67 Me 291 (1877).

If you compare Section 11 of the original Charter with Section 16 added to the Charter in 1988, the District has the following authority to collect taxes or rates for the following matters.

Section 11 (taxes)	Section 16 (rates)
Sum required for sinking fund payments	Sum required for sinking fund
Sum required for interest on serial bonds	Sum required for payment of interest on the indebtedness of the district
Sum required to meet other necessary expenses in the district	Sum required to pay the current expense for operating and maintaining the sewer system

In my opinion, those two provisions are virtually the same. Section 16 provides that the rates established by the board of trustees “shall be so established as to provide revenue for the following purposes” (which are set forth above under the Section 16 heading). Section 16 does not provide that the rates are to be established for a portion of the revenue needed for those purposes. Although the Chapter 101 amendments do not mention Section 11 of the original Charter, and the legislative history does not suggest it was considered by the Public Utilities Committee of the Legislature, I believe an argument can be made that the Legislature did not intend that the District should have two separate and distinct mechanisms for raising revenue to finance the District’s operations including the payment of its debts, with the absolute discretion to pick and choose how much of its annual budget should be allocated between “taxes” and “rates.” In addition, Section 11 provides that the taxes must be assessed upon the taxable estates within said district. Since the description of the District in Chapter 114 does not include the entire Town, it is not appropriate to merely add the assessment to the amount to be raised by general taxes, and affectively include it in the general mill rate applied to the entire Town.

The Town of Veazie, however, cannot merely resort to self-help and refuse to pay the assessment. Section 11 of Chapter 114 provides that the warrant issued by the Trustees of the District is to the assessor, and the assessor is required by law to assess the specified amount upon the taxable estates within the District. Furthermore, Section 11 also provides that the Treasurer of the Town must pay the District the tax assessed before December 31st of each year, and if the taxes are not paid to the District, the Treasurer of the District may issue a warrant to the sheriff for the amount unpaid and the sheriff is to levy by distress and sale any real and personal property of any of the inhabitants of the District.

If the Town decides to challenge the District’s authority under Section 11, the Town would need to bring a declaratory judgment action in Superior Court seeking the Court’s interpretation of the Charter, as amended by Chapter 101, and seeking a declaration by the Court that the Section 11 tax assessment language was repealed by implication. The decision of the Superior Court could then be appealed to Supreme Judicial Court of Maine by the nonprevailing party. Although I think there is a good argument that Section 11 was repealed by implication upon the enactment of Section 16, I cannot predict how the Court would decide the issue. The Supreme Judicial Court of Maine has held that in the absence of an express legislative intent to repeal a prior statute, it is reluctant to find that the enactment of a new statute acts to repeal an earlier statute. However, it has applied the “repealed by implication” doctrine when a later enactment encompasses the entire subject matter of an earlier act, or when a later statute is inconsistent with or repugnant to an earlier statute.

Another option would be to seek an amendment to the District’s Charter via the State Legislature. This would require that a legislator submit a bill on the Town’s behalf to amend the Veazie Sewer District’s Charter to delete Section 11 therefrom. In the alternative, the Charter could be amended to specify how the “taxes” and the “rates” should be calculated, since they cover the same expenses of the District. For example, the \$160,000 assessment for the Town dated March 9, 2011, and the accompanying letter, contained no explanation of how that amount was determined and the basis for it.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact me.

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ITEM # 60



September 12, 2011

Allan Thomas
62 Oliver Hill Road
Garland, ME 04939

Dear Allan:

The Town Council would like to express their wholehearted thanks for all the great work you have done for the Town of Veazie over the last 22 years. You have consistently shown yourself to be a loyal and hard working employee and an integral part of the management team.

During this difficult transition period you once again displayed your commitment to the residents and employees of the town by assisting the new assessor to understand your methodology in assessing practices in order to insure that the tax commitment could be issued in a timely manner.

Now you face retirement and a whole new chapter in your life. We want to thank you for all that you have done and wish you well on your journey. We hope your retirement is happy and the rest of your life prosperous and fulfilling.

Sincerely,

Joseph Friedman, Chairman

Jonathan Parker, Councilor

Brian Perkins, Councilor

David King, Councilor

Tammy Olson, Councilor

ARTICLE IV.

RENTAL UNIT REGISTRATION

Sec. 8-110. Purpose.

The purpose of this article is to provide for a registration program for the occupancy of certain residential rental properties located within the Town of Orono and a means to monitor trends in rental properties within the town. The article does not create a licensing program, and the fact that a rental property is registered with the town should not be construed to mean that the town has made any determination that the property is fit for human habitation, or that it is in compliance with any codes, ordinances, statutes, or regulations. (Ord. No. 08-07, 1-16-08)

Sec. 8-111. Definitions.

Dwelling unit shall mean one room or rooms connected together, constituting a separate independent housekeeping establishment for owner occupancy, rental, or lease, and physically separated from any other rooms or dwelling units which may be in the same building, and containing independent cooking and sleeping facilities.

Habitable room shall mean any room used for sleeping, living, cooking or dining purposes, but excluding closets, pantries, bath or toilet rooms, hallways, laundries, storage spaces, utility rooms and similar spaces. See also the definition of habitable floor area in chapter 18 (land use), section 31 (definitions) of this code.

Owner shall mean any person, agent, firm, corporation or other legal entity having a legal or equitable interest in a rental unit or rental property, including but not limited to a mortgagee in possession, the beneficiary of a trust, or the holder of a life estate.

Rental property shall mean any property (including associated land, buildings, accessory structures, accessory dwelling units, common areas, parking areas, and other appurtenances) used or occupied as, or containing, any rental unit(s).

Rental unit means a dwelling unit, rooming unit, or habitable room that is occupied for residential purposes in exchange for consideration.

Rooming unit shall mean any room or group of rooms forming a single habitable unit used or intended to be used for living and sleeping, but not for cooking or eating purposes.

Town official shall mean town manager or his/her designee.

Transient occupancy shall mean occupancy that is less than two weeks duration in the same or similar units owned by the same owner.

Any undefined term shall have the meaning ascribed thereto in the land use ordinance. If a term is not defined in this article or the land use ordinance, it shall have its customary dictionary meaning.

chapter 18, section 31.

- (5) Names and addresses of parties responsible for the maintenance of utilities, electricity, water, sewer and heating.
- (6) The expiration dates of leases in force as of the date of registration.
- (c) The designation of a local agent does not relieve the owner of the responsibility for compliance with this article.
- (d) The owner, at the time of registration, shall also submit payment of any registration fees as established by the fee schedule. If a rental unit is not registered by the deadline established in this chapter, the fee shall be doubled. If a rental unit is not registered during a year in which it has been in existence, the fee shall be due retroactively.
- (e) The owner may file a combined registration for all rental units located within the same building, provided that each unit is separately described as part of the site description.
- (f) No owner or local agent shall lease, rent or permit the occupancy of any rental unit or rental property unless the unit or property is registered in accordance with this section. Any rental unit or rental property that is not registered shall not be eligible for any nonconforming use status to which it might otherwise be entitled under chapter 18, section 31, relating to number of unrelated individuals in a dwelling unit. (Ord. No. 08-07, 1-16-08)

Sec. 8-114. Rental property-town advisory committee.

- (a) There is established a rental property-town advisory committee. The committee's purpose shall be to serve as a communications and educational liaison between the town and owners and agents of rental units and properties as to the operations of the rental units and properties in accord with state and local laws and regulations and the conduct of tenants of the rental units and properties.
- (b) The committee shall be appointed by the town council and shall consist of ten members, as follows:
 - (1) Three owners of rental units or properties in the town, or their agents, who shall be appointed for three-year terms;
 - (2) Two tenants of rental units or properties in the town, at least one of whom is a student at the University of Maine, who shall be appointed for one-year terms;
 - (3) One representative of the town police, who shall serve until he or she resigns or is replaced by the town council;
 - (4) One representative of the town fire department, who shall serve until he or she resigns or is replaced by the town council;

Sec. 8-115. Penalties.

Any person who is found to be in violation of any provision or requirement of this article shall be subject to a civil penalty as set forth in 30-A M.R.S.A. § 4452. Each violation of a separate provision or requirement, and each day of violation, shall constitute separate offenses. In addition, if the town is the prevailing party in an enforcement action, said person shall also be liable for all reasonable expenses incurred by the town in the enforcement of this article, including but not limited to staff time involved in the investigation and prosecution of the violation(s), attorney's fees, expert witness fees, and costs. All civil penalties shall inure to the benefit of the Town of Orono.
(Ord. No. 08-07, 1-16-08)

Sec. 8-116. Severability.

If any provision of this article is held to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions of the article shall not be invalidated.
(Ord. No. 08-07, 1-16-08)

Sec. 8-117. Transition provisions.

The initial registration of any rental unit or rental property existing prior to August 31, 2008, shall be made by not later than September 1, 2008.
(Ord. No. 08-07, 1-16-08)

From: "Renee Batchelder" <rbatchelder@riversidersu.org>
Subject: **resignation**
Date: August 30, 2011 12:00:56 PM EDT
To: veazietm@aol.com

Hi Bill:

We have had another resignation of a school board member. Paul Dupuis has resigned from the school board yesterday. Please notify the town council so they can appoint someone to fill the position for the remainder of the school year. Please let me know who that person is once you know. Thank you!

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Riverside Regionalized School Unit #26

Glenburn, Orono and Veazie

983 Hudson Road
Glenburn, Maine 04401

Tel: 942-4405
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To: Sophie Wilson, Orono Town Manager
Michael Crooker, Glenburn Town Manager
Bill Reed, Veazie Town Manager

Fr: Doug Smith, Superintendent of Schools

Re: Initial Cost Sharing Agreement Review Committee Meeting

The RSU #26 Finance Committee is planning an initial meeting of the Cost Sharing Review Committee on Tuesday, September 27, 2011 at 7p.m. to be held in the Orono Town Council Chambers.

Last spring, at our last Cost Sharing Review Meeting held in Orono, Chairperson Mitchell, on behalf of the RSU #26 Board, promised that the newly appointed Finance Committee would make the "review" a priority early on in this fiscal year. She also requested that each municipality select at least one "official" member to be selected by the Council. It could be the Manager, Council Chair, or other council member. All council members are encouraged to attend as well along with members of the original Cost Sharing Development Committee of the RPC.

The Finance Committee members and the selected municipal representatives will comprise the "official" Cost Sharing Review Committee and will focus on the existing Cost Sharing Agreement to determine whether or not to retain or amend the agreement. They may seek the advice or counsel of other community members as appropriate.

The language in the "Plan" states as follows:

"If the cost share evaluation group recommends a change to the local cost share formula, the change must be approved by a 2/3 majority of the full RSU Board with no community being unanimously opposed. If approved, assessments made by the regional school unit board thereafter must be made in accordance with the new method of sharing costs."

"The secretary of the regional shall notify the State Board that this region has opted to change its method of sharing costs. The State Board shall issue an amended certificate of organization sharing this new method of sharing costs."

Town of Veazie Fire/Rescue Department

MEMORANDUM

To: Chief Martin
From: Capt Metcalf
Date: September 7, 2011
Re: July Monthly Report



Incidents

141 - Forest, woods or wildland fire	1	3.45%
Total - Fires	1	3.45%
311 - Medical assist, assist EMS crew	1	3.45%
321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	12	41.38%
351 - Extrication of victim(s) from building/structure	1	3.45%
Total - Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incidents	14	48.28%
4000 - Boiler/Furnace Malfunction, no fire	1	3.45%
4440 - Tree on wires	1	3.45%
Total - Hazardous Conditions (No fire)	2	6.90%
500 - Service Call, other	1	3.45%
5001 - Burn Permit	1	3.45%
550 - Public service assistance, other	1	3.45%
551 - Assist police or other governmental agency	1	3.45%
Total - Service Call	4	13.79%
622 - No incident found on arrival at dispatch address	1	3.45%
631 - Authorized controlled burning	1	3.45%
Total - Good Intent Call	2	6.90%
743 - Smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional	4	13.79%
744 - Detector activation, no fire - unintentional	1	3.45%
745 - Alarm system sounded, no fire - unintentional	1	3.45%
Total - False Alarm & False Call	6	20.69%
Total for Station	29	100.00%

Day of the Week	Number of Incidents
Sunday	5
Monday	2
Tuesday	4
Wednesday	3
Thursday	5
Friday	6
Saturday	4

Town of Veazie Fire/Rescue Department

Time of Day	Number of Incidents	
01:00:00 to 01:59:59	1	
02:00:00 to 02:59:59	1	
03:00:00 to 03:59:59	1	
08:00:00 to 08:59:59	1	Shaded area represents daytime coverage
09:00:00 to 09:59:59	2	
10:00:00 to 10:59:59	1	
11:00:00 to 11:59:59	4	
13:00:00 to 13:59:59	3	
15:00:00 to 15:59:59	1	
16:00:00 to 16:59:59	4	
17:00:00 to 17:59:59	2	
18:00:00 to 18:59:59	1	
19:00:00 to 19:59:59	1	
20:00:00 to 20:59:59	2	
21:00:00 to 21:59:59	2	
22:00:00 to 22:59:59	2	

Training

Field Decon Procedures, - 7/14/2011 6:00:00PM

Ground Ladders Operations, - 7/28/2011 6:00:00PM

Low Angle Rescue Procedures - 7/21/2011 8:00:00AM

Low Angle Rescue Procedures- 7/22/2011 8:00:00AM

Other Activities

Annual Hose Testing

Monthly Ladder Inspections

Degrease and regrease of the aerial

Town of Veazie Fire/Rescue Department

MEMORANDUM

To: Chief Martin
From: Capt Metcalf
Date: September 7, 2011
Re: August Monthly Report



Incidents

111 - Building fire	2	5.26%
113 - Cooking fire, confined to container	1	2.63%
Total - Fires	3	7.89%
321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	16	42.11%
Total - Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incidents	16	42.11%
411 - Gasoline or other flammable liquid spill	1	2.63%
444 - Power line down	1	2.63%
4440 - Tree on wires	1	2.63%
445 - Arcing, shorted electrical equipment	1	2.63%
Total - Hazardous Conditions (No fire)	4	10.53%
500 - Service Call, other	1	2.63%
5001 - Burn Permit	2	5.26%
542 - Animal rescue	1	2.63%
551 - Assist police or other governmental agency	2	5.26%
571 - Cover assignment, standby, moveup	1	2.63%
Total - Service Call	7	18.42%
651 - Smoke scare, odor of smoke	1	2.63%
Total - Good Intent Call	1	2.63%
731 - Sprinkler activation due to malfunction	1	2.63%
733 - Smoke detector activation due to malfunction	1	2.63%
735 - Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	1	2.63%
743 - Smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional	1	2.63%
744 - Detector activation, no fire - unintentional	1	2.63%
Total - False Alarm & False Call	5	13.16%
813 - Wind storm, tornado/hurricane assessment	2	5.26%
Total - Severe Weather & Natural Disaster	2	5.26%
Total for Station	38	100.00%

Town of Veazie Fire/Rescue Department

Day of the Week	Number of Incidents
Sunday	11
Monday	9
Tuesday	3
Wednesday	5
Thursday	3
Friday	4
Saturday	3

Time of Day	Number of Incidents
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01:00:00 to 01:59:59	2
03:00:00 to 03:59:59	1
05:00:00 to 05:59:59	1
06:00:00 to 06:59:59	1
07:00:00 to 07:59:59	1
09:00:00 to 09:59:59	1
10:00:00 to 10:59:59	1
11:00:00 to 11:59:59	1
13:00:00 to 13:59:59	3
14:00:00 to 14:59:59	1
15:00:00 to 15:59:59	1
16:00:00 to 16:59:59	5
17:00:00 to 17:59:59	3
18:00:00 to 18:59:59	3
19:00:00 to 19:59:59	1
20:00:00 to 20:59:59	6
21:00:00 to 21:59:59	4
22:00:00 to 22:59:59	1
23:00:00 to 23:59:59	1

Shaded area represents
daytime coverage

Training

Driver/Operator Training - 8/8/2011 9:30:00AM
 Low Angle Rescue Procedures- 8/11/2011 6:00:00PM
 EMS Training - 8/25/2011 - 7:00:00PM
 Driver/Operator Training - 8/31/2011 11:00:00AM

Other Activities

Annual hose testing
 Monthly ladder inspections
 Conducted a community CPR class
 Annual pump testing
 Initiated a new paging to cell phone system
 Conducted an alarm test at the Veazie Community School
 Overnight storm coverage for Hurricane Irene

ITEM # *ee*



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8/23/2011

Town of Veazie
1084 Main St
Veazie, ME 04401

Dear: William Reed

Please find the attached Irrevocable Stand-by Letter of Credit issued by the Federal Home Loan Bank of Pittsburgh. This letter of credit will serve as collateral for your public deposits.

If you have any questions about your letter of credit, please call your representative from the TD Bank, N.A. Government Banking Department. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'James J. Staskel', written over a horizontal line.

James J. Staskel
Vice President - Treasury



Irrevocable Standby Letter of Credit

To: **Town of Veazie**
1084 Main St
Veazie ME 04401

Letter of Credit No. **10084944**

Date: **August 25, 2011**

Ladies and Gentlemen:

At the request, and for the account, of **TD BANK, NA**, having its principal office **2035 Limestone Road , Wilmington, DE 19808** ("Member"), the Federal Home Loan Bank of Pittsburgh (the "FHLB") hereby issues in your favor its Irrevocable Standby Letter of Credit No. **10084944**, whereby, subject to the terms and conditions contained herein, the FHLB authorizes you to draw hereunder on the FHLB up to an aggregate amount of U.S. **\$2,000,000.00** (the "Maximum Credit Amount"), available in one drawing only, to be made at any time from the date hereof until the FHLB's close of business on **November 28, 2011** (the "Expiration Date").

Funds under this Letter of Credit are available to you following your presentation to the FHLB, prior to the FHLB's close of business on the Expiration Date and on a day upon which the FHLB is open for business (a "business day"), of your completed certificate in the form of Exhibit A hereto purportedly signed on your behalf by one of your authorized officers or other representatives, which shall be conclusive for all purposes under this Letter of Credit. Presentation of your certificate in the form of Exhibit A must be made prior to 11:00 a.m., Pittsburgh time, to be effective for that business day (the "Effective Date"); if presentation is made after 11:00 a.m., Pittsburgh time, it will be deemed to have been made at 9:00 a.m. on the next business day, which will be the Effective Date. The FHLB will make payment on the Effective Date of any presentation of a draft. Any drawing under this Letter of Credit will be paid from funds of the FHLB. Only one draw is permitted under this Letter of Credit. Presentation of your certificate, as aforesaid, must be made at the FHLB's office at 601 Grant Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15219-4455, Attention: Letter of Credit Desk.

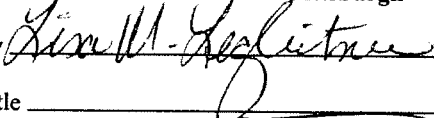
This Letter of Credit is governed by the Federal Home Loan Bank Act, Rules and Regulations of the Federal Housing Finance Agency and policies, guidelines and directives of the Federal Housing Finance Agency and, to the extent state law is applicable, shall be governed by the laws (exclusive of the choice of law provisions) of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, including Article 5 of the Uniform Commercial Code as in effect in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. It is further agreed that this Letter of Credit shall be supplemented by the provisions (to the extent such provisions are consistent with this Letter of Credit) of the International Standby Practices 1998, and any subsequent revisions to the extent not inconsistent with Article 5 of the Uniform Commercial Code in effect in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. All documents presented to the FHLB in connection with any draw and all other communications with respect to this Letter of Credit shall be in writing and shall be addressed to the FHLB at the address indicated in the preceding paragraph, specifically referring to the number of this Letter of Credit.

This Letter of Credit is not transferable or assignable, either in whole or in part, except with the express written consent of the FHLB.

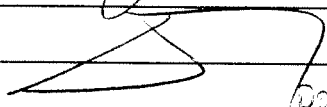
This Letter of Credit sets forth in full the undertaking of the FHLB, and such undertaking shall not be modified, amended or amplified in any way except by a writing executed by the FHLB.

Very truly yours,

Federal Home Loan Bank of Pittsburgh

By  **Lisa M. Legleitner**
Service Center Specialist
Product Delivery Group

Title _____

By  _____

Title _____ **Dennis Bridge**
Senior Collateral Analyst

From: William Reed <veazietm@aol.com>
Subject: **Council Meeting Recording**
Date: August 30, 2011 2:58:31 PM EDT
To: Joe Friedman <jfriedman3@roadrunner.com>, david king <vz801@myfairpoint.net>, Tammy Olsen <tammy@veazie.me>, Jon Parker <jparker@midmaine.com>, Brian Perkins <Bperkins@apollo.umenfa.maine.edu>
Cc: Karen Humphrey <khumphrey@veazie.net>, Julie Reed <jdsreed@veazie.net>, gmartin@midmaine.com, ryoung71@yahoo.com, Mark Leonard <vzchief800@yahoo.com>, brian.stoyell@gmail.com, Ben Birch <ben.birch@bangormaine.gov>, "Thomas A. Russell" <tar@frrlegal.com>
Bcc: Nicholas McCrea <nmccrea@bangordailynews.com>

Council Members and Department Heads;

We are pleased to inform you that the recording of last nights meeting is now on the website.

http://www.veazie.net/Public_Documents/VeazieME_CouncilMin/103260EED

Since we have a new sound system that records the meeting on to a "stick" ~ the conversion is quick and efficient.

It looks as if we will have to set some of the council members mics" line level" up. We also ask that the Town Council members speak into the mics into the future also.

This is the first recording so its a starting point.

We are really excited that by having the recording available to the pubic this will allow for more transparency and afford the public to be informed.

We have found that your computer / tablet will need external speakers or headphones to hear this first recording because some of the speakers are very lite speakers.

Karen and I are looking for feed back also.

Thanks

William Reed
veazietm@aol.com

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ITEM # 80

From: William Reed <VEAZIETM@AOL.COM>
Subject: **Re: Community Tree Review**
Date: September 6, 2011 8:13:50 AM EDT
To: "David Wardrop" <David@GoldenForestry.com>



David

Program sounds great!

William Reed
veazietm@aol.com

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On Sep 2, 2011, at 5:40 PM, David Wardrop wrote:

Bill,

Brian and I spent a couple hours today assessing potential tree planting areas around town, for the Maine Forest Service - Project Canopy - free tree donation project. We also took the opportunity to assess a few hazard trees that the Town is aware of. We met with landowners, who came out to see what we were doing. They appeared to be happy that the town had an independent, non-employee reviewer, and had a good opportunity to complain about their high property taxes, which I graciously offered to trade with them for mine. I made it clear to them that I am only assessing the hazard risk of the tree, and the politics of ownership, liability, etc. is not my business. I further made recommendations to them to minimize future windthrow risk of their particular tree of concern (including don't mow roots, don't nail flag pole holders into the stem, prune limbs on heavy side to lighten the load pulling toward their home).

After this meeting, and skimming several streets as well as my local knowledge, I recommend the following to minimize cost and future liability to the Town:

1. I recommend only flagging the trees with very high, clear, immediate risk to the public, including risk to utilities along roads (not utilities leading to individual homes). The tree that knocked out power last month was preventable, and would have been in this category. I recommend only flagging the highest risk trees because flagging all trees with some risk would lead to far too many phone calls from private landowners, who might expect the town to contribute toward tree removals. We all have far more important things to do.
2. I recommend creating a database of moderate to high risk trees, with address, tree species, hazard, hazard rating, date of inspection, and notes columns. This database will create documentation that we can return to if future damage to life or property should occur (or if the Town ever needs independent data to substantiate a hazard trees condition at a point in time, as part of defense (or offense)). It can also be used to notify Bangor Hydro or other utility companies of sites that we feel they may want to address. We, Town Forester or Public Works, can revisit this database periodically to re-assess hazard tree ratings. I am confident that this Hazard Tree Management System will prevent some, not all, windblown trees from knocking out power, and perhaps save property and/or life down the road.

Please note that I will include the school property in this review, as well as other town-owned lands, which are also being assessed as part of the Community Forest Management Plan 10 year update. Also, please note that nature is unpredictable, so no warranties are expressed or implied regarding the risk of future windblown trees. As discussed, I will call every tree encountered as I see it, without bias from any party. I'm well aware of the potential ownership issues regarding trees upon easements, property lines, and trees on one property that may create risk to an adjacent property...and this is a legal, not forestry, issue that will not be addressed as part of this project.

I will likely include Brian in some of the review, for his department's education, and will see that he receives the Veazle Hazard Tree Management file, as a MS Excel file, for future use. This will result in a sustainable system for the town that should outlive any of us. Please confirm receipt and agreement of the items above, if they sound good to you.

Thank you.

David Wardrop
Golden Forestry Services, Inc.
PO Box 111
Orono, ME 04473
207-356-8747
www.GoldenForestry.com

----- Original Message -----

From: William Reed

To: David Wardrop

Cc: brian.stoyell@gmail.com ; Don MacKay ; Joe Friedman ; Mark Leonard ; gmartin@midmaine.com ; scott.nichols

Sent: Friday, September 02, 2011 11:09 AM

Subject: Community Tree Review

David

Could you please review the community trees once again and outline the ones that look dangerous and that should be taken out that may cause property damage.

This will include the school property also.

Please allocate up to one day of work for this project.

This will be billed to highway projects on your invoice please.

If this project will entail more than one day of work please contact Brian and myself so that we can review the scope of the project.

Please place dangerous tree flagging around any tree of concern that you find that may pose a risk to property.

Thank you for your time on this matter.

William Reed

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From: William Reed <veazietm@aol.com>
Subject: **pending litigation statement**
Date: August 30, 2011 11:49:51 AM EDT
To: Brian Perkins <Bperkins@apollo.umenfa.maine.edu>
Cc: Jon Parker <jparker@midmaine.com>, "Thomas A. Russell" <tar@frlegal.com>, david king <vz801@myfairpoint.net>, Tammy Olsen <tammy@veazie.me>, Joe Friedman <jfriedman3@roadrunner.com>
Bcc: Karen Humphrey <khumphrey@veazie.net>, gmartin@midmaine.com, Mark Leonard <vzchief800@yahoo.com>, brian.stoyell@gmail.com

Brain;

Last night at the meeting you noted the reason for not taking up item 5 was due to pending litigation.

At the present time, I am unaware of any pending litigation.

Councilor Parker called me this morning and questioned the statement also, thinking perhaps he was missing an email. I told him that I and the Town attorney would have to know if there is any litigation because we would be serviced.

If you could explain the statement it would be greatly appreciated. It has caused some confusion with staff members and I am sure at least one council member.

Thank you for your time on this matter.

William Reed
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Town of Veazie Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
8 March 2011

Call to Order : 7:03 PM

Present : Commissioners S. Malis-Andersen, D. MacKay (Chair), D. Carmack and J. Manter; and D. Wardrop (Town Forester).

Minutes : 14 Dec 2010. – The Commission decided to accept J. Manter's version of the last meeting's minutes. D. Carmack moved, Malis-Andersen seconded, motion to accept minutes as presented; voted 3 – 0 (J. Manter abstained).

- 1) Forest Management Plan Update -
 - Town Mgr. W. Reed has given the Commission the green light to move ahead with the plan update;
 - Tw. Forester Wardrop will continue after "Tree Growth" season;
 - An inventory of Town-owned lands will be included.

- 2) Compliments/Photo requests -
 - Town Council seeks photos of the McPhetre's Forest for the Annual Town Report cover;
 - Commissioners D. MacKay and J. Manter will provide some recent samples for the Council's review;
 - Signage to direct the public to the McPhetre's Forest will require \$200.

- 3) Annual Report -
 - a. Needs mention of Comsr. Malis-Andersen's community services;
 - b. Other minor amendments recommended;
 - c. Comsr. J. Manter will make changes and submit to Chm. MacKay.

- 4) Draft Timber Harvesting Ordinances Update
 - a. Commission received Planning Bd. Chairman Cronan's version;
 - b. Town Forester Wardrop expressed his concerns;
 - c. Comsr. Manter recommended that either or both Chm. MacKay and/or Tw. Forester Wardrop be present at the March 15 Planning Bd. meeting.

- 5) Grant Opportunities –
 - a. Commission discussed e-mails distributed by MEACC on available grants;
 - b. Comsr. Manter will see that all Commissioners receive these for further discussions.

Other Business

Bird Survey –

- Comsr. Malis-Andersen will inquire w/Dr. Judy Markowsky
- A volunteer is conducting these for all Orono Land Trust-eased sites.

Margaret Shropshire, former Conservation Commissioner, who recently passed on, was remembered to the Commission.

New member – Jeff Benjamin, will not be available to serve as a Commissioner.

Next Trail Day – April 23d.

Environment Maine has contacted the Commission seeking endorsement of a piece of proposed legislation.

Next Meeting – 7 PM 10 May.

Adjourn: 8:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald G. Mackay

Veazie Conservation Commission
1084 Main Street
Veazie, Maine 04401-7091

August 29, 2011

Mr. Bill Reed
Town of Veazie
1084 Main Street
Veazie, Maine 04401-7091

Dear Bill:

At the last Conservation Commission meeting in July, the Commission noted that there have been several recent, positive developments related to the two town forests. As you know, many of the activities on the Buck Hill Conservation Area and the McPhetres Farm property are carried out by volunteers. However, we felt that it was important to acknowledge some additional contributions from the Town that have been both helpful and appreciated.

In this case, the Commission would particularly like to thank Brian Stoyell and Dennis Farnham of Public Works for their assistance over the past few months. They have provided assistance for a range of activities, including improving town forest signage and conducting trail maintenance. We have already received compliments related to their work, notably relating to the new signage along Route 2.

Additionally, the Commission would like to thank both the Town Council and Karen Morin for including the Veazie town forest maps in the 2011 Annual Report. The Commission has been seeking to raise awareness of the two town forests, and we appreciated that those two maps were included in the document. The maps looked great!

Finally, as an update, the development of the new, ten-year forest management plans for the two town forests is currently underway. The Commission is planning to use the new forest plans as a basis for the management of the properties. For instance, we expect that the plans will help guide activities such as improving trail signage and prioritizing trail maintenance.

Please express our thanks to Public Works, the Town Council, and Ms. Morin.

Sincerely,

Members of the Conservation Commission

Donald MacKay, Chair
John Manter
Suzanne Malis-Anderson
David Carmack