

TOWN WARRANT

Penobscot, s.s.

To: Mark Leonard, Chief of Police for the Town of
Veazie, in said County of Penobscot.

GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the voters of the Town of Veazie, in said County, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to assemble at the Municipal Building, in said Town, on Tuesday, the 14th day of June, A.D., 2005 at 8:00 in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following seventeen articles:

Article 1: To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2: To choose all necessary officers for the ensuing year. It is hereby specified that the polls be open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the election of the aforementioned officer, and that consideration of articles three to nineteen will commence at 8:00 p.m. at the Veazie Community School.

Article 3: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for the General Government.
Recommended by the Town Council & Budget Committee: **\$ 357,019.14**

Article 4: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for Public Works.
Recommended by the Town Council & Budget Committee: **\$ 231,945.44**

Article 5: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for Fixed Cost Items:
Recommended by the Town Council & Budget Committee: **\$ 248,956.00**

Article 6: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for the Fire Department.
Recommended by the Town Council & Budget Committee: **\$ 199,910.00**

Article 7: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for the Police Department.
Recommended by the Town Council & Budget Committee: **\$ 315,376.31**

Article 8: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for the Parks and Recreation Department.
Recommended by the Town Council & Budget Committee: **\$ 83,400.00**

Article 9: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise, transfer, and/or appropriate for the Capital Improvements and Reserve Account Program for the Fiscal Year 2005-2006.
Recommended by the Town Council & Budget Committee: **\$ 224,200.00**

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to fix a date when taxes are due and to set an interest rate, the amount not to be compounded, on all real estate and personal property taxes not paid on or prior to September 30th. Interest will commence on October 1st on all taxes not paid on or prior to September 30th.

Due Date suggested: **Upon receipt of tax bill**
Interest rate suggested: **7.75%**

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to finance the voted expenditures as follows:

TAX COLLECTOR'S REVENUE

Total Tax Collector's Revenue: \$ 288,500.00

TREASURER'S REVENUE

Total Treasurer's Revenue \$ 251,312.00

TOWN CLERK'S REVENUE

Total Town Clerk's Revenue \$ 2,350.00

Recommended non-property tax revenues by the Town Council & Budget Committee: **\$597,1620.00**, \$50,000.00 from the Educational Reserve, \$100,000.00 from the Municipal Credit Reserve and the balance remaining from property taxes.

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to establish the interest rate to be paid to a taxpayer who is determined to have paid an amount of real estate taxes in excess of the amount finally assessed for 2005-2006 at **3.75%** per year on the amount of overpayment.

Article 13: Shall the Regional Vocational Operating Budget as approved by the Cooperative Board for the year 2005-2006 be approved in the amount of **\$ 2,396,604.00**. (Amount to be funded by local unit - **\$ 20,065.00**).

Article 14: Shall the Regional Vocational Budget as approved by Cooperative Board for Adult Education for the year 2005-2006 be approved in the amount of **\$ 197,557.00**. (Amount to be funded by local unit - **\$ 291.00**)

Article 15: To see what sum the municipality will appropriate for the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act (Recommend **\$2,572,281.00**) and to see what sum the municipality will raise as the municipality's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from 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.

Recommended by Town Council & Budget Committee: **\$ 1,644,566.00**

Explanation: The school administrative unit's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as 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 16: Shall Veazie raise and appropriate \$824,631.00 in additional local funds, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by \$526,200.60? The School Committee recommends \$824,631.00 for the following reasons: funds are needed to actualize the cost of providing effective educational programming for our students.

Recommended by Town Council & Budget Committee: \$ 824,631.00

Explanation: The additional local funds are those locally raised funds over and above the school administrative unit's local contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and local amounts raised for the annual debt service payment on non-state-funded school construction projects or the non-state-funded portion of a school construction project that will help achieve the Veazie budget for educational programs.

Article 17: To see what sum Veazie will authorize the school committee to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2005 and ending June 30, 2006 from the school administrative unit's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act, non-state-funded school construction projects, additional local funds for school purposes under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15690, unexpended balances, tuition receipts, state subsidy and other receipts for the support of schools.

Recommended by Town Council & Budget Committee: \$ 3,421,912.00

The Office of the Registrar of Voters will be open at the Municipal Building on Tuesday, June 14, 2005 to add new registrations to the list of voters from eight o'clock in the forenoon until 8:00 PM.

Given under our hands this 19th day of May, A.D., 2005.

JOSEPH FRIEDMAN, Chair /s/

WILLIAM HOGAN /s/

HELEN CHENEY /s/

ETHEL CHAMPACO /s/

BRIAN PERKINS /s/

Veazie Town Council

ATTEST:

Mark Leonard, Chief of Police