



Council Meeting

February 12, 2024 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 Agenda
- ITEM 5:** Approval of the January 8, 2024 Council Meeting Minutes
- ITEM 6:** Comments from the Public

New Business:

- ITEM 7:** FY 24/25 Budget Guidance
- ITEM 8:** The Penobscot River Bike System Presentation
- ITEM 9:** Fire Department Presentation
 - A. Equipment Purchase Request
 - B. AFG Grant Submission Approval

Other Business

- ITEM 10:** Manager's Report
- ITEM 11:** Comments from the Public
- ITEM 12:** Request for information and Town Council Comments
- ITEM 13:** Town AP Warrant #19 and #20, Town Payroll Warrant #15, #16 and #17, School AP Warrant #11 and #12, School Payroll #15 and #16 have been circulated for Review and Signature by Council Members
- ITEM 14:** Adjournment

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Agenda Items

For February 12, 2024

Council Meeting

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

ITEM 5: Minutes from the previous meeting will be reviewed.

Suggested Motion: I motion we approve the minutes as presented.

ITEM 7: Members of the Council will discuss and provide guidance on the FY 2024-2025 Budget.

ITEM 8: Members of the Council will review The Penobscot River Bike System presentation and decide how to proceed.

Suggested Motion: I motion we direct Manager Leonard to continue discussion with Tandem Mobility ref The Penobscot River Bike System and receive pricing for ___ (insert number) pedal bikes and ___ (insert Number) electric bikes and present his findings at a future Council meeting.

ITEM 9: The Fire Department will present two requests to the Council.

- A. The Fire Department is requesting in excess of \$70,000.00 to be used to purchase equipment updates and upgrades. Funds are not currently available to make this purchase, so staff does not recommend approving this request.

Suggested Motion: I motion we deny the Fire Department's request to purchase fire hose, appliances, and nozzles due to lack of available funds.

- B. The Fire Department is requesting approval to submit a grant to the Homeland Security Assistance to Firefighters Grant program to purchase fire hose, appliances, and nozzles.

Suggested Motion: I motion we approve the submission of a grant to the Homeland Security Assistance to Firefighters Grants program and further state we will accept the grant if it's awarded to the Fire Department.

Veazie Town Council Meeting
January 8th, 2024

Members Present: Chairman Chris Bagley, Councilor Paul Messer, Councilor Jeffrey Manter, Councilor Aaron Turcotte, Councilor David King, Town Manager Mark Leonard, Deputy Treasurer Andy Fish, Fire Chief Peter Metcalf and various members of the public.

ITEM 1: Call to order

Chairman Bagley called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

ITEM 2: Secretary to do the roll call:

All present.

ITEM 3: Pledge of Allegiance

ITEM 4: Consideration of the Agenda

Manager Leonard added 7B as Consent Agreement with Roderick & Carolyn Hathaway.

ITEM 5: Approval of December 11, 2023 Council Meeting Minutes

Councilor Paul Messer made a motion, seconded by Councilor Aaron Turcotte to approve the minutes as presented from the December 11, 2023 Council Meeting as presented. Voted 4-0-1. Motion carried. Councilor King abstained.

ITEM 6: Comments from the Public

Resident Mark Gibson shared his concerns about his property stake removal. Council agreed to have Manager Leonard call a local surveyor to get this resolved for Mr. Gibson.

New Business:

ITEM 7: FY 23/24 First and Second Quarter Financial Review

Manager Leonard and the Council reviewed the quarterly reports for FY 23/24.

ITEM7B: Consent Agreement with Roderick and Carolyn Hathaway

Councilor Aaron Turcotte made a motion, seconded by Councilor King to authorize Manager Leonard, as Town Manager, to enter into the Consent Agreement with Roderick and Carolyn Hathaway, as it related to pending violations at the Longfellow and Rogers Mobile Home Parks, in substantially the same forms presented. Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried.

Other Business:

ITEM 8: Manager's Report

Manager Leonard reviewed his manager's report.

ITEM 9: Comments from the Public

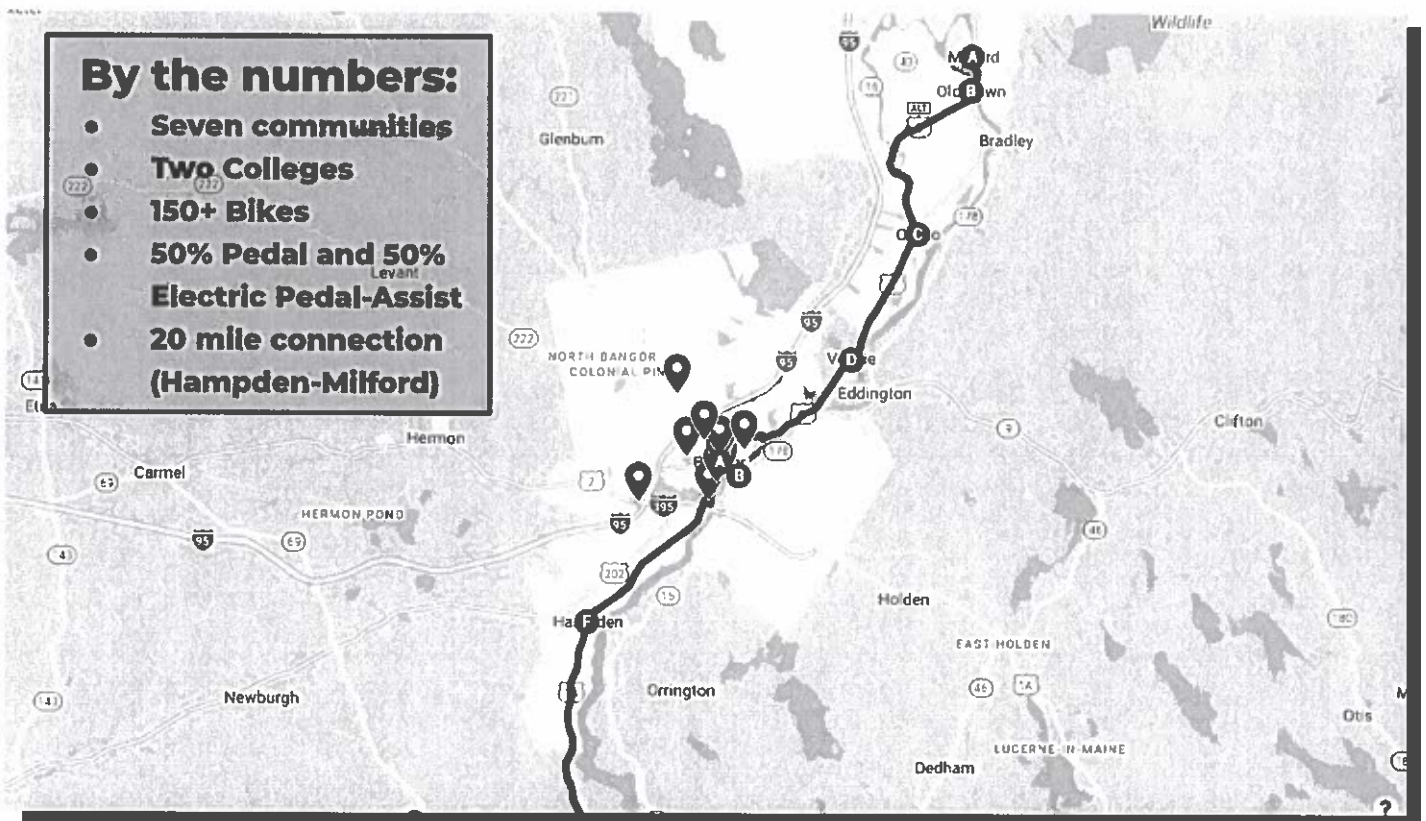
None.



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System Overview

The Penobscot River Bike System



Tandem Mobility is excited to announce work on the *Penobscot River Bike System*, a bike share program in the Bangor Region. The 20-mile system will utilize existing bike lanes, bike trails, sidewalks, and other bikeable roads to connect the region through a combination of both traditional pedal and electric pedal-assist bicycles. In launching this system, we will provide an environmentally-friendly and affordable mode of transportation, increase regional connectivity, and promote further economic vibrancy for each of the many communities involved!



Cost and Funding

System Cost and Funding

Our bike share programs are priced on a per-bike basis. The cost of maintenance, charging (in the case of Ebikes), tune-ups, physical stations, relevant data reporting, and the software is all included in this per-bike cost. The program will feature 50% pedal bikes and 50% electric bikes.



Tempo Pedal Bike

\$2,200/Bike/Year



Electric Pedal-Assist Bike

\$3,500/Bike/Year

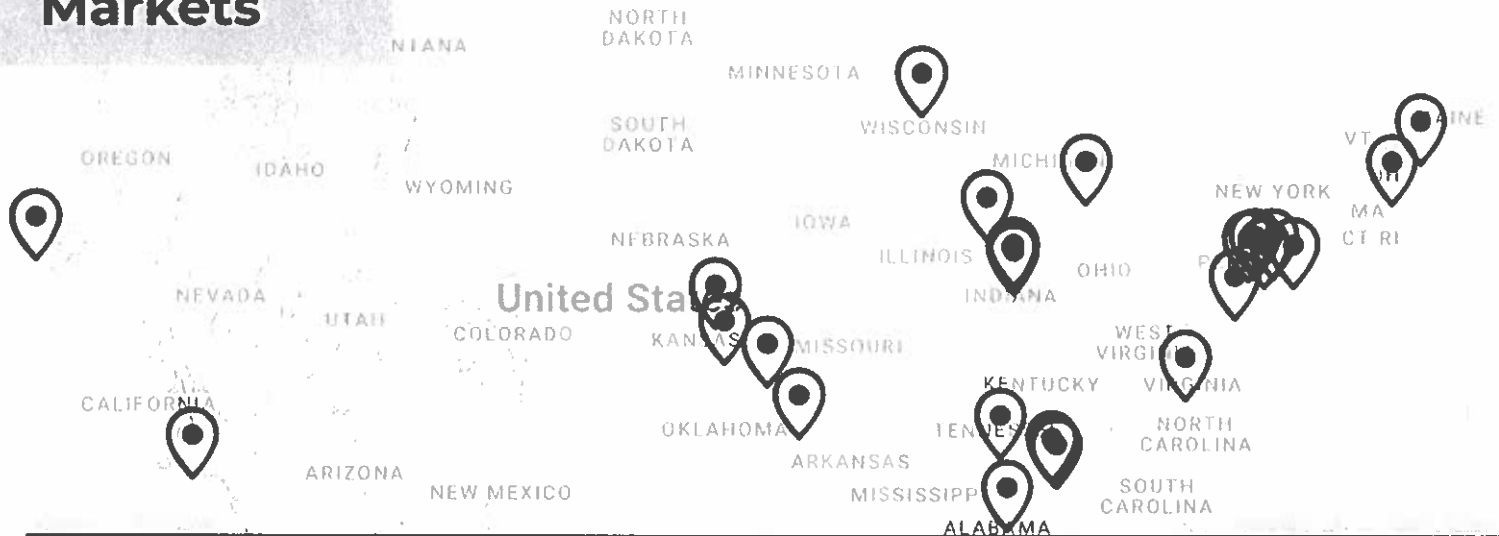
Funding for bike share can come from a variety of sources. Our funding plan for this system comes through four main avenues:

Sponsorship	Grant Funding
City Support	Corporate Membership



Who's Involved?

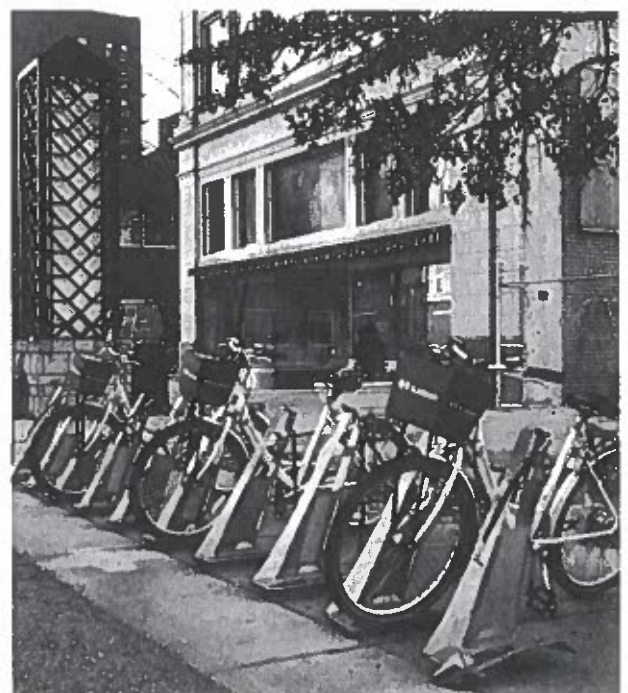
Tandem Mobility Markets



Tandem Mobility is the system operator. The Tandem team brings over 15 years of experience in the micromobility industry, having launched, managed, and operated 100+ bike and scooter share programs across the US.

Bike System Goals:

- Reduced emissions through alternate modes of transport.
- Increased connectivity among communities.
- Equitable access to affordable transportation.
- Marketable tourism attraction.
- Providing healthy transportation alternatives to all community segments.



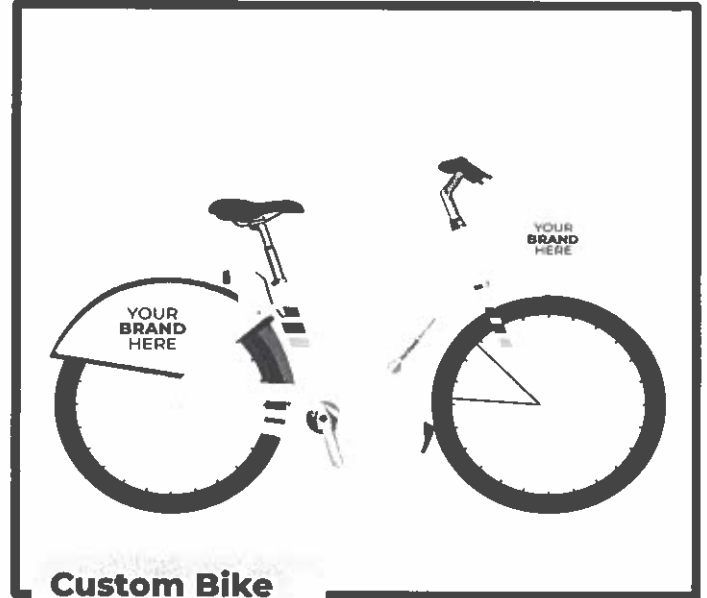


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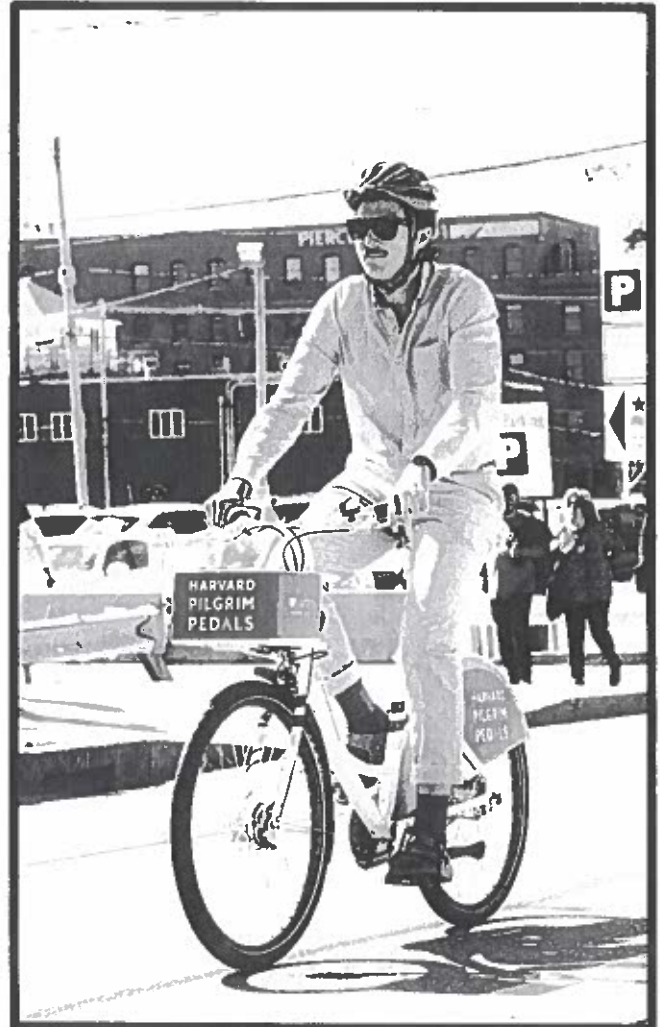
Sponsorship Opportunities

Why sponsor bike share?

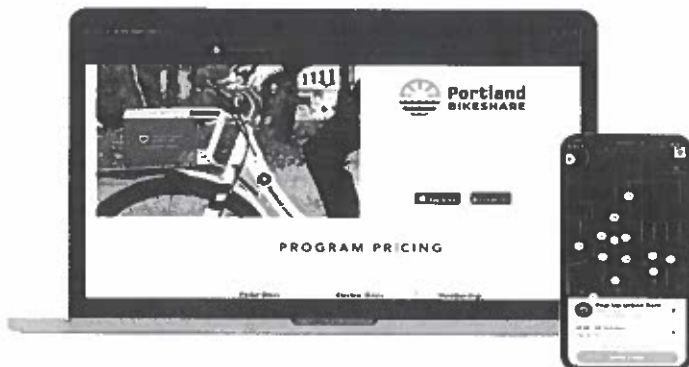
- 1 Align your brand with this valuable community amenity
- 2 Directly increase sustainable transportation options
- 3 Impact the health and wellness of residents and visitors
- 4 Reach active and engaged residents and visitors



Parking Signs



Digital Assets





Chief Pete Metcalf

ITEM #

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Veazie Fire Department
1084 Main Street, Veazie, ME 04401
Phone: (207) 945-5627

To: Manager Leonard
From: Chief Metcalf
Date: February 8, 2024
Re: Council Funding Request

The fire department seeks council funding to replace aging fire hose, appliances (adapters, gated wyes, hydrant valves and intake valves), and nozzles. These replacements are needed as many items in our inventory are over 20 years old, have failed testing requirements or need routine repairs. Additionally, our research has found that new technology, specifically with fire hose and nozzles, have decreased weight, improved water flow and maneuverability.

We are still in the process of gathering quotes but our initial estimates for this purchase will be in excess of \$70,000.00.

Should funding be denied, we request approval and Council support to seek and accept funding from the Homeland Security Assistance to Firefighter Grant program.

FIRE PREVENTION IS EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS

Manager's Report For February 12, 2024 Council Meeting

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

I attended the following meetings: Penquis Board of Directors, Penquis Executive Committee, Penquis Steering Committee, Penquis Housing Board, Maine Chiefs of Police Board of Directors, Maine Sheriff's Association Board of Directors, Bangor Y Board of Directors, Bangor Y Board Governance Committee, New England Chiefs Association Executive Committee, BASWG Annual Meeting, BACTS Policy Committee, and PRCC Board of Directors Meeting.

I took part in the annual Taser training held by the Police Department. In addition, there was a combined training session with the fire department, during which Stormwater Training was conducted for both departments.

I attended the LEPC Meeting held at the University of Maine, hosted by Penobscot EMA. The meeting consisted of a tabletop exercise and provided valuable and informative insights.

I participated in the quarterly safety meeting alongside fellow employees where we covered various safety topics. Additionally, we addressed preparations for an upcoming walkthrough by loss prevention, which took place as scheduled. Two items requiring correction were identified during the walkthrough, and we are currently in the process of addressing them. Overall, the inspection went well. Moving forward, I will work with Chief Metcalf to explore achieving Town SHAPE compliance.

I attended a Health Officer training on Radon. CEO Fish also attended the same training.

I met with a representative from Tandem Mobility regarding bikes in the community. The handout will be presented to the Council for discussion on a potential partnership with Tandem Mobility.

I worked with Black Bear Lawn Care to facilitate opening the Cemetery for parking, as a group of seniors had scheduled a hike in McPeters Forest. The event was successful, and I would like to thank Jon Parker and his team for their assistance.

Manager's Report For February 12, 2024 Council Meeting

The Police and Fire Departments worked with PRCC and RCM to reprogram our radios for a new channel set to launch on Feb. 14th. This new channel aims to address numerous radio issues. We look forward to this upgrade, which has been in the works for several years and is now coming to fruition.

I assigned the task of collecting the costs associated with the winter storm for reimbursement submission to Chief Metcalf. We are optimistic about recuperating approximately \$20,000.00, covering the expenses incurred due to the storm.

I finalized a contract for the Bangor Band to return for another community event this summer. The event is scheduled for July 30th, with a rain date of July 31st. Once again, the event will take place at the School.

CEO Fish and our legal team worked to resolve a longstanding concern regarding 2 mobile home parks. The owners have signed the consent agreement, which was approved by the Council last month. One problematic home has already been removed, and the other must be removed by April 15th.

I am working with Hopkins Paving to get pricing for capital paving projects. The estimates should be ready for presentation at the March Council meeting.

I participated in a planning meeting regarding the upcoming Solar Eclipse which will occur in April. Much of the discussion centered around managing traffic flow, as we anticipate upwards of 80K visitors traveling to Houlton to view the event.

Negotiations with the Fire Department have begun. While we have reached an agreement on certain points, work continues on others. Our next meeting is scheduled for later this month.

I have been appointed to Chair an Officer Involved Shooting Review Committee for the Ellsworth Police Department. This meeting is scheduled for early March.

As we begin working on the FY 24/25 Budget, we have already received tentative Municipal Revenue Sharing figures, projecting an increase of approximately \$93,000.00.

I have met with Assessor Binette, and we have finalized an employment contract for her services. Staff and I look forward to working with her on the upcoming budget.

Manager's Report For February 12, 2024 Council Meeting

Deputy Clerk Strout has been preparing for the March election, anticipating a significant turnout.

Asst. Deputy Clerk Drew has been working on numerous projects. Including a new fee schedule, which will be presented at the March Council meeting for approval.

Attachments:

1. Email received reference work Det. Gray did.
2. Updates from PERC
3. Thank you notes to Manager Leonard
4. FD Stats for January

Fw: Exemplary Service

Mark Leonard <mleonard@veaziepd.net>

Mon 1/22/2024 9:51 AM

To: Christopher Gray <cgray@veaziepd.net>

Cc: young.veaziepd.net <young@veaziepd.net>; Mark Leonard <mleonard@veaziepd.net>

Det Gray- Please see the email below I received involving you and a case you handled.

Thank you for representing the Veazie Police Department in a positive manor. I will share this with the Council and also add a copy to your personnel file.

Again, nice work!

Chief

Mark E Leonard
Chief of Police
Veazie Police Department
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207-947-2358 PD

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From: Sally Isaacson <salethaisaacson@msn.com>

Sent: Saturday, January 20, 2024 5:15 PM

To: Mark Leonard <mleonard@veaziepd.net>

Subject: Exemplary Service

Hi Chief Leonard,

I'm writing to tell you about the extra steps Detective Gray took to find my long-term friend, Susan Davies. Back in October after trying to reach Susan for a couple of weeks I feared that as a single woman of 80 she might be dead in her home. Detective Gray checked and ascertained she wasn't there - which was a relief. He then called me on a monthly basis to see if I had heard from her and to update me that he hadn't found her either. Earlier this week we talked and agreed that I would write to Susan and request that it be forwarded. Then today he called and told me he had found her at Westgate Center. This attention to

my search from Denver was extraordinary. I just wanted you to know that Detective Gray is my hero today. You have a good man there.

Thanks for listening,

Sally Isaacson

Denver, CO

Sent from [Outlook](#)



Penobscot Energy Recovery Company

29 Industrial Way
Orrington, Maine 04474
(207) 825 - 4566

ESOCO ORRINGTON, LLC.
Plant Operator

PERC UPDATE TO CONTRACT COMMUNITIES:

As you know, there has been much going on here at PERC in the past few months, and we know that you would like to have more information as to what has been happening. This is our attempt to bring you up to date, and at the same time let you know that we have been working with the DEP and others, and doing everything to assure that your solid waste will have a place to go.

In the spring of 2023, PERC was notified that they were in default of a loan and the loan needed to be paid, on the property or it would be sold at auction. On November 2, 2023 an auction was held and a company named DTE was the winning bid. However, they needed to complete the payment process by 4 PM on November 9, 2023 or they would be in default. They did not make payment and lost their winning bid. On November 14, 2023 another auction was held, and Mark Boswell was the winning bid as C & M Faith Holdings. They closed on the property on November 21, 2023.

The present situation here is, we the employees, are still working and being paid by PERC allowing us to maintain the facility, and continue providing a solution for your solid waste. Although, C & M FAITH Holdings LLC, owns the physical facility, PERC still owns the solid waste license allowing PERC to continue the by-pass of your MSW until the new company is licensed. We are hopeful that we will be able to go back on line and begin processing your solid waste in the future.

In the past couple weeks, most of you have been provided a short-term temporary contract. At this time, please hang on to those, and we will update you later about signing and returning them.

ROD CARR

PUBLIC AFFAIRS MANAGER, PERC



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January 24, 2024

RE: Deliveries of Municipal Solid Waste/OBW to PERC

To All,

Please be advised that the Penobscot Energy Recovery Company is extending the current bypass of incoming wastes to the Juniper Ridge Landfill starting January 29th, 2024 through and including March 3rd, 2024. The reason for this bypass is that the PERC facility's tipping floor and fuel storage areas are still full. The plant has not had the expected input of start up funds to prepare it for operations and will need to reduce the inventories to safe levels before taking on more material. After a period of investment in repair and restaffing, the facility is expected to be restarted.

I am sorry for the inconvenience that taking material to Juniper Ridge Landfill will cause, however the PERC facility is full.

Thank you for your patience and understanding,

Henry Lang
Plant Manager
Penobscot Energy Recovery Company
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PENOBSCOT ENERGY RECOVERY COMPANY

UPDATE JANUARY 24, 2024

In order to keep our contracted towns updated, I want to give you the most recent information that we have here at the plant in Orrington.

Even though some tipping floor inventory has been removed, there is still much inventory on site and the plant tipping floor and fuel storage areas are still full. We will need to reduce the inventory before we will have a safe operating facility. It will be necessary to remove the material on the tipping floor prior to receiving any new MSW. We have not received the expected input of start-up funds made available, so that we can better prepare for operations.

Presently a small staff is maintaining the facility by doing their best to keep the facility from freezing up and causing large amounts of damage. They are also watching for fires that could break out. They have been successful thus far, due to our warmer than normal temperatures.

A period of time will be required to address needed repairs and address restaffing issues, after funds begin to flow. The staff here at the facility apologize for the inconvenience which has caused you to transport your MSW to Juniper Ridge Landfill until the facility is restarted.

Rod Carr

Public Affairs manager

207-825-4566 X221

207-794-4381 cell

1/8/21

Hello Mark,

I'm truly in awe of your commitment
to community and causes



THANK YOU

from CONVERGENT NONPROFIT SOLUTIONS

It was a pleasure to converse with you.

Best,
Mark

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Mark,

We deeply appreciate your input and the time spent reviewing Penquis's prospectus for a new child care facility. Your time and feedback are invaluable in our efforts to address the child care needs of our community. Thank you for participating in this process and for your continued support.

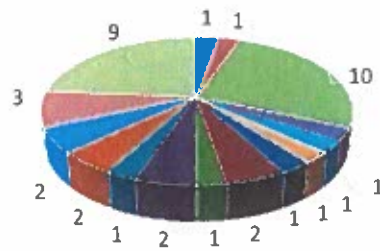
Thank you so very
much!

Kara



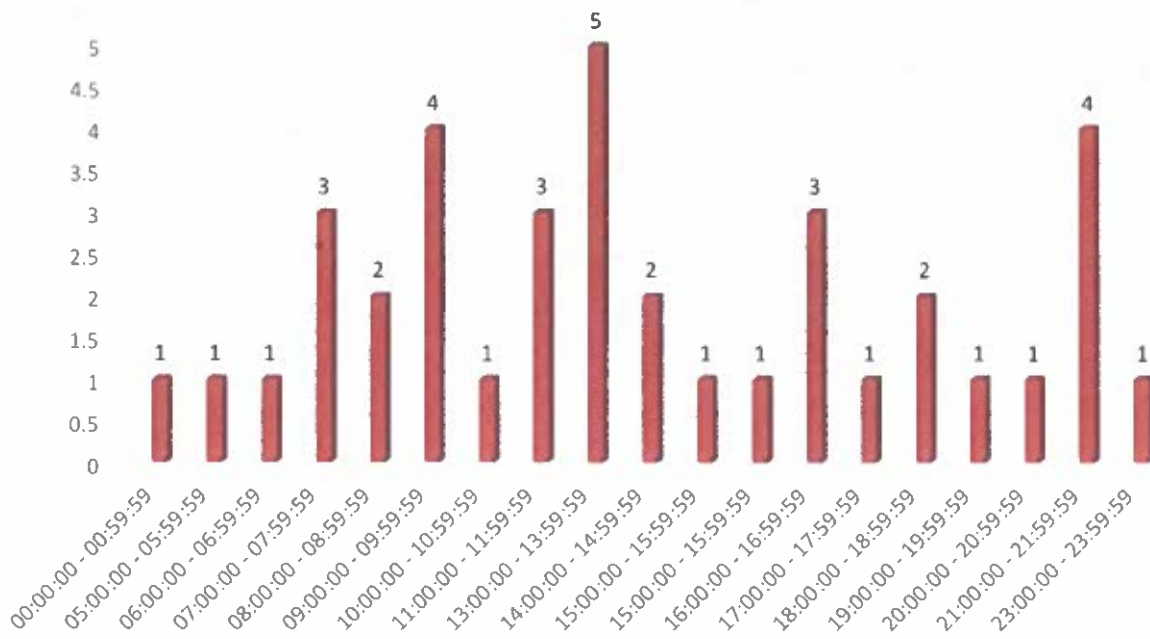
Veazie Fire Department
Incident Data

January Calls for Service Data (38)



- Building fire 1
- EMS call 10
- Cable line down 1
- Issue burn permit 1
- Public education 1
- Smoke scare, odor of smoke 1
- Sprinkler activation, no fire - unintentional 2
- Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional 8
- Cooking fire, confined to container 1
- Hazardous condition 1
- Smoke or odor removal 1
- Public service 2
- Business fire code or Life Safety inspection 2
- Alarm system sounded due to malfunction 3
- Smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional 3

January Incidents - Time of Day



January Incidents - Day of Week

