TENTATIVE AGENDA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 08, 2018
4:30 PM

‘This is a fragrance free building. Please help us to accommodate our co-workers and clients who are chemically sensitive to fragrances and other scented products. Thank you for not wearing perfume, aftershave, scented hand lotion, fragranced hair products, and or similar products.’

1. Roll Call

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Adjustments to the Agenda

4. Approval of the Minutes for the January 25, 2018 Regular Town Council Meeting.

5. Special Presentations: a) Resolve #1-2018 (Anthony Clark)
   b) Lori Santerre - Department Update Report
   c) Matthew Delaney – Library Quarterly Update

6. Town Manager’s Report

7. ORDER #19-2018 Execution of the Warrant for February 1, 2018

8. ORDER #20-2018 Execution of the Warrant for February 8, 2018

9. ORDER #21-2018 Approval of a Victualer License Application (Wing Dingahs)

10. ORDER #22-2018 Authorization to Sign a Memorandum of Agreement with Penobscot County

11. ORDER #23-2018 Authorization to Expend Funds

12. ORDER #24-2018 Approval of the Katahdin Area Arts Festival

13. ORDER #25-2018 Approval of a Municipal Release Deed (Bouchard)

14. Reports and Communications:
   a. Warrant Committee for the February 22, 2018 Council Meeting Chair Clark and Councilor Golieb
   b. Chair’s Committees Reports
   c. Two Minute Public Comment

15. Adjournment:
January 25, 2018

The Regular Meeting of the Millinocket Town Council was brought to order by Chair Clark in Council Chambers at 4:30pm.

Roll Call:

Clark                      Pelletier- excused
Golieb- excused           Pray
Madore                    Stratton
McEwen

Also present were: Town Manager John Davis, Waste Water Superintendent Jim Charette, Deputy Fire Chief Tom Malcolm, Recreation Director Jody Nelson and 8 in the public.

Pledge of Allegiance

Adjustments to the Agenda
-Addition to Manager’s Report

Approval of the Minutes for January 11, 2018 Regular Town Council Meeting
-Correction: The vote to adjourn was unanimous at 6-0, not 5-0
Motion-Stratton            Second- Madore       5-0

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Special Presentation:

   a) Jody Nelson- Recreation Department Report: Jody shares improvement needs and Current programs provided by the Rec Department. Jody also reported that an employee of The Wastewater Treatment Facility repaired the Pool Filtration System which would have cost $5900. The repairs were made for only $837, which was a substantial savings for her department.

Town Manager’s Report:
*The next regular Town Council Meetings will be held in council chambers at 4:30 pm- February 8, 2018 & February 22, 2018.
*Agreement between Town and Northern Timber Cruisers- President of NTC is requesting the Town set up a Snowmobile Reserve Account to help the Club purchase equipment.
*SRE Project at the airport has been put on hold until April of 2018 because of weather.
*Comprehensive Plan Update- The Town will be meeting with the Town of East Millinocket and officials from EMDC next week to talk about getting the Comprehensive Plan updated.
*Bee Line Contract- The Bee Line contract is due for renewal.
*Century Bike Ride- William McAnrirlin had 150 interested individuals within 48 hours of putting it
online. He is considering two possible routes and will decide which one will work better in the spring. *LD-1629- LD-1629 would create a negative impact on the town. It would affect residents 65+ who couldn't be evicted from their homes until the debt reached half of the assessed value of the house, this would allow some residents to stay in their property for almost 31 years. This would also do away with the processes that we use now; we would have to use a real estate agent and sell properties for assessed value. This would be a disaster.  
*Wastewater Treatment Facility- The Wastewater Treatment Facility generator needs to be replaced. If the consensus is to purchase a new generator, a price for this purchase will be brought to the council at the next Council Meeting.  
*Would the Council want to send a letter of support for the Katahdin Collaborative?  
*Would like feedback on the Cote Properties at 75 York St & 13 Eastland.  
*There will be a Scottish Poet night on January 27, 2018 at 6:30pm at Design Lab. Performers will be Wally Paul & Jeff Hamm. Ben Barr will read poetry and there will be an open mic.  

Councilor Comments on Manager's Report:  
McEwen- Will make the Comprehensive Plan a priority. He will look at the Beeeline Contract. The Century Bike Ride will be a nice addition. LD1629- He contacted Steve Stanley with his concerns and found that there were others with the same concerns. Agrees with sending a Letter of Support for the Katahdin Collaborative. Cote Properties- Keep both houses, it’s time to take this situation into our own hands.  
Stratton- She would like to renew contract with Bee Line but would like to see them provide faster internet. She is anxious to see the outcome of LD1629. Would like to get the generator for the Wastewater Treatment Facility. Wants to keep both Cote houses. Is in favor of writing a letter of support for the Katahdin Collaborative.  
Madore- Looking for more information from NTC regarding the loan they are requesting. Hopes the delays at the Airport will not cause any penalties for the town. He has spoken with Daigle & Leathers (East Millinocket Selectmen) regarding the Comprehensive Plan; EMDC is available anytime. Bee Line is a standard contract & he is happy with it. Either route would be great for the Century Bike Ride. LD1629 is a clear example of over-regulation and could be disastrous for communities. Wants to replace the generator at the Wastewater Treatment Facility. Yes, send a letter of support for Katahdin Collaborative. Does not want to negotiate with Cote.  
Pray- Agrees with Councilor Madore aside from Bee Line, He thinks we should ask about a faster basic internet service for the area. He is also concerned about the Town incurring penalties at the Airport. Suggested a Western route for the Century Bike Ride, possibly a figure eight -through Stacyville and ending at the Sawmill Restaurant. LD1692 is overkill and would mandate to towns how to handle situations that they are capable of handling. He is in agreement of purchasing the generator for the Wastewater Treatment Facility. Agrees that the Cote property shouldn't be negotiated further. Would like to see handicap access at Design Lab.  
Chair Clark reads Councilor Pelletier's email to be submitted into the minutes.  
Chair Clark reads Councilor Golieb's email to be submitted into the minutes.  
Chair Clark- Agrees with helping the Timber Cruisers and would like to sit down with them. Agrees with the Airport contract. Would like to sit down with the Council and Bee Line, not only regarding the price
and internet speed but also to talk about the amount of Mhz that are being boosted. He believes they are only boosting 20k-25k Mhz, and they are capable of 50k Mhz, which is causing unnecessary outages. Also, the prices for the elderly should be lower. He is in favor of the Century Bike Ride. LD1629- would be detrimental to the community. He agrees that the generator need to be replaced at the Wastewater Treatment Facility. Also, he agrees with sending a letter of recommendation for the Katahdin Collaborative.

Order #13-2018 Providing for: Execution of the Warrant for January 18, 2018. IT IS ORDERED that the Warrant for January 18, 2018 in the amount of $1729.50 is hereby approved.
Motion- McEwen Second- Madore 5-0

Order #14-2018 Providing for: Execution of the Warrant for January 25, 2018. IT IS ORDERED that the Warrant for January 25, 2018 in the amount of $163,654.96 is hereby approved.
Motion- Madore Second- Stratton 5-0

Order #15-2018 Providing for: Authorization to send a Letter of Intent (LOI) application and materials related to the Bates Street/ Pines Pump Station and Elm Street service areas Target Area Income Survey. IT IS ORDERED that the Millinocket Town Council sign the Letter of Intent application and materials related to the Bates Street/ Pines Pump Station and the Elm Street Survey conducted on behalf of the Town of Millinocket. This signing will be retroactive to January 12, 2018.
Motion- Pray Second- Madore 5-0

Order #16-2018 Providing for: Capping the Undesignated Fund Balance. IT IS ORDERED that the Millinocket Town Council cap the Town’s unassigned fund balance at three million dollars ($3,000,000). NOTE: Currently there is $2,751,038 in this account. The audit shows a balance of $2,901,038, however, $150,000 of this balance belongs to the School Department.
Motion- Pray Second- Madore 5-0

Order #17-2018 Providing for: Authorization to disperse KARE funds. IT IS ORDERED that the Millinocket Town Council authorize the disbursement of the KARE grant funds in the following manner:
1. Millinocket- $25,000
2. East Millinocket- $25,000
3. Medway- $25,000
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Town Manager be authorized to sign all the necessary paperwork that may be involved in this disbursement.
NOTE: This is the final payment that the three communities will receive from Brookfield as part of the last dam relicensing process. These funds would normally be put in the KARE grant account and awarded to area businesses. This year the three towns decided to divide the funds equally and deposit it on their own economic development account.
Motion-Pray Second- Madore 5-0

Order 18-2018 Providing for: Approval for an ad to support the Millinocket All-Stars Hoop Classic. IT IS ORDERED that the Millinocket Town Council approve an ad to help support the Millinocket All-Stars Hoop Classic 2018. The ad will be one-eighth of a page and the cost is $15.00.
Pray moves to amend order #18-2018 to a half page ad at the cost of $50.00, Town paying $25.00 while offers to contribute the additional $25.00.

Amendment
Motion- Madore  Second- Stratton  5-0
Motion on Amended order: McEwen  Second- Stratton  5-0

Reports and Communications:
a) The Warrant Committee for the February 8, 2018 Council Meeting Councilor Pelletier and Councilor Stratton (Chair Clark will fill-in for Councilor Pelletier)
b) Chair’s Committee Reports- Councilor McEwen is hoping to hold an Economic Development Committee Meeting on January 30, 2018 at 5:00 pending the availability of the Council Chambers. The survey results are almost complete.
c) Two Minute Public Comment-
   Jim Phelps, T1R9- Would like approval from the Town Council to hold an Art Festival in Downtown Millinocket on August 25, 2018.
   John Raymond, Millinocket- Update the Council on the status of the Northern Timber Cruiser’s Raffle.
   John states they have been given the permit to hold the raffle and the tickets are available.
d) Motion to Adjourn at 5:38- Pray  Second- Stratton  5-0
Town of Millinocket, Maine

Open letter to Town Council

Thursday Jan. 25, 2018

Thank you Jody Nelson for a comprehensive update of the Recreational Department’s activities and maintenance projects. I am pleased your efforts to minimize repair and maintenance costs are effective. Also, kudos for the received and planned grant applications. Best wishes as you continue to maintain and improve the Rec. programs. P.S. The kid in me suggests we go for the Helix slide as a replacement.

MANAGER’S REPORT;

2. Request for Northern Timber Cruiser reserve account is acceptable, we should facilitate their accounting needs as we manage their grant.

4. Pleased we are moving forward with the Comprehensive Plan Update.

5. Bee Line Contract does not preclude other providers from entering the Millinocket market and as such I have no objections. Would like to have more affordable options for our Taxpayers as many like to complain about this lack of choice.

6. Happy to see the Century Bike Ride is receiving promotion and acceptance as an event we hope to hold yearly.
7. LD 1629, when appropriate should be commented on by our Town. It will change foreclosure process and I believe make it less efficient to deal with tax acquired properties.

8. Agree with moving ahead as expeditiously as possible for the Wastewater Treatment plant generator replacement.

Thanks for your consideration of my thoughts.

Sincerely,

Louis Pelletier
FYI

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Steve Golieb <stevegolieb@gmail.com>
Date: January 23, 2018 at 8:47:48 PM EST
To: publicworks@millinocket.org, Cody McEwen <Cody_Mcewen@umit.maine.edu>, Cody McEwen <cmcewen@millinocketschools.org>, "Joseph E. Clark" <jclark140@myfairpoint.net>, Boynton-fboynton@millinocketschools.org, rangotti@millinocketschools.org
Subject: Re: Meeting for Subcommittee: Municipal Sustainability

After receiving input on times, It looks like the first meeting date will be Feb 6th at 4:30 and we will meet in the Town Office--room TBD

Thank you all, and looking forward to it!
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Mililimocket, through the Council, does hereby, with the consent and approval of the Mililimocket Public Works Department, hereby extend their appreciation and recognition to Assistant Fire Chief Antonio "Ant" Clark for his dedication, enthusiasm, professionalism, and sense of humor. Antonio, the ultimate professional, has earned the admiration and respect of his colleagues and the residents of Mililimocket. For his dedication, skill, and compassion, the Village of Mililimocket hereby extends their appreciation and respect to Antonio "Ant" Clark for his dedication and years of service, both as a result of diligent work and demonstrated ability, and advanced to positions of increasing responsibility and given him: Antonio, the Assistant Fire Chief, has consistently responded with integrity, imagination, and foresight to the duties and responsibilities given him.

WHEREAS, Antonio "Ant" Clark has performed his duties throughout his years of service a conscientious and responsible manager; and,

WHEREAS, Antonio "Ant" Clark began his employment as a 15 year old working summers when school was not in session; and,

WHEREAS, Antonio "Ant" Clark began his career in May of 1989 and was employed at the Mililimocket Public Works Department for 4 years before retiring on February 2, 2018; and,

PROCLAMATION HONORING ANTONIO "ANT" CLARK FOR HIS 49 YEARS OF SERVICE AT THE MILILIMOCKET PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

RESOLVE #T-2018
TOWN OF MILLINOCKET
John Davis, Town Manager
197 Penobscot Avenue, Millinocket, Maine 04462
Telephone 207-723-7000  FAX 207-723-7002
Web Site: www.millinocket.org

Town Manager’s Report February 8, 2018

1. Next Regular Council Meetings – to be held in Council Chambers at 4:30 p.m.
   A. February 22, 2018
   B. March 8, 2018

2. Letter from Terry Picard – Terry is a former resident of Millinocket who endured a number of childhood anomalies that required multiple surgeries and hospitalizations in Boston and Springfield Mass. In 1953, the Millinocket Board of Selectmen assumed the responsibility for the payment of Terry’s medical bills and he wants to thank the Town for the financial support.

3. LD 1687 – This is another bill to keep an eye on. LD 1687 is An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Calculation of Excise Tax on Automobiles. Current law requires the excise tax assessed on passenger vehicles to be based on the maker’s list price. This bill requires the excise tax to be assessed on the purchase price of the vehicle for the first year and the maker’s list price for all succeeding years. This will have a significant impact on municipalities that depend on revenue from excise taxes.

4. Planning Board Vote onMarijuana – The Planning Board met on January 23, 2018, and voted 4 to 1 to recommend that the Town Council not allow recreational use marijuana enterprises to operate in the Town of Millinocket. This is a recommendation and the Council will have to decide what to do with it from here.

5. Fiberight – Due to problems with the building delivery and cold weather, the Fiberight Trash Facility will not be opening in April of 2018 as previously planned. Fiberight has hired Cianbro to complete the job and they will put on a larger crew.
to try to make up ground. Other areas to haul our trash until Fiberight opens are being explored, at no extra cost to the Town. Millinocket has been asked if we can help some of the small towns in the interim. If the Council agrees to this, I will prepare an order for the next meeting.

6. **Letter From Governor LePage** – In this letter the Governor about the impact that the land and property taken off the tax rolls has had on municipalities in the form of increase property taxes. As of 2016, towns and cities owned land and buildings valued at nearly $5.5 billion. Large and wealthy non-profits, such as hospitals and colleges, often escape paying property taxes on their real estate holdings – totaling more than $5.1 billion statewide. It us is time to recognize the burden of taking property off the tax rolls and identify solutions to reduce the burden on our homeowners. I intend to write a letter to the organizations with tax-exempt status asking for some type of Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT).

7. **Maine Water Update** – Periodically we receive an update from Maine Water apprising us of what is going on with the water system. The 2018 winter edition talks about frozen pipes and what steps to take to try to avoid this situation. It also mentions that fire hydrants should be kept clear of snow to avoid losing precious minutes it can take firefighters to clear the hydrant.

8. **LD 1629 Correction** – At the last meeting I reported that a person could live in their residence for almost 31 years before they could be evicted under this proposal. The 31 years would be based on the total assessed instead of half the assessed value as the bill states. At half the assessed value, a resident could remain in their home for 15.48 years.
9. **Our Katahdin Update** – The biweekly meetings between Our Katahdin and the Town continue. Interest in the site is still high, progress is great, and success is likely. Our Katahdin will be installing a new back gate that will be operated electronically. They are also installing a securely system behind the gate to prevent people from trespassing on the premises.

10. **Andrea Smith of the Department of Economic and Community Develop (DECD)** – Andrea has agreed to do a presentation on the different types of Tax Increment Financing (TIF) at the February 22 meeting. As soon as I receive a copy of her presentation, I will email it to the Council so you can ask questions about your interests and concerns.

11. **Bee Line** – I have spoken with George Allen, GM/VP of Bee Line Cable T.V., and he will be available to speak with the Chairman and I any time after February 12 to discuss the concerns that the Council has with the Bee Line contract.

12. **Century Bike Ride** – I am still corresponding with Mr. McAnirlin over a few minor details that need to be worked out.

13. **Meeting on Comprehensive Plan** – We will be meeting with officials from East Millinocket, Medway, and the EMDC to go over the details on updating our comprehensive plan prior to the Council meeting. We will have an update at that time.

14. **Negotiations** – At the time of this writing, we still need to go over a couple of minor changes with the Fire Department to finalize that agreement. We are still waiting to hear from the representative for the Police and Public Works Departments for a date to begin negotiations with them.
15. Line of Credit With the Northern Timber Cruisers (NTC) –
Does the Council have an interest in extending a line of credit to the NTC, and if so, where should the funds be expended?

16. Slide at Swimming Pool – I have attached a copy of the quote that the Recreation Director received for the slide at the swimming pool. This is the cost without installation. Jody has someone who will install the slide free of charge and everything will be covered under the warrantee.

17. Department Budget Proposals – The Human Resource Director has sent a memo to the department heads to begin putting their department budget proposals together.
Terry Picard  
255 North Rd, Unit 131  
Chelmsford, Ma 01824

Town Council  
197 Penobscot Avenue  
Millinocket, Me 04462

January 27, 2018

To Whom it May Concern

My mother, Anne Picard Carter, was a lifelong resident of Millinocket. My grandfather was Allie Picard, at one time chief of police and fire department. I was born with multiple congenital anomalies which required multiple, extensive surgeries and hospitalizations at both Boston Children’s Hospital and the Shriners Hospital in Springfield, Ma. Between my hospitalizations, I enjoyed a wonderful childhood in Millinocket and graduated from Stearns in 1968.

Going through my mother’s paperwork, I found this letter from the town selectmen from 1953. It is heartwarming to learn that the wonderful town I recall truly provided support to its residents.

I am looking forward to a trip back to Millinocket in July for my 50th reunion and want to thank the town for whatever financial support was provided during my childhood!

Terry Picard
The board of selectmen will assume the responsibility for the payment of medical bills incurred for Jerry Plourde, son of John Plourde, 13 Years.

Dated October 27, 1953

Lloyd P. Montgomery, Chairman
W. H. Russell, Secretary

OFFICE OF SELECTMEN

MILLINOCKET, MAINE
**Taxation**

LD 1687 - An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Calculation of Excise Tax on Automobiles. (By Request) (Sponsored by Sen. Dill of Penobscot County)

Current law requires the excise tax assessed on passenger vehicles to be based on the maker's list price. This bill requires the excise tax to be assessed on the purchase price of the vehicle for the first year and on the maker's list price for all succeeding years. Either the original bill of sale or the state sales tax document may be used to verify the purchase price.

LD 1765 - An Act To Provide a Source of Revenue To Preserve the Integrity of Maine's Transportation Infrastructure. (Sponsored by Rep. Pardy of Arundel.)

This bill requires that 10% of the General Fund sales and use revenue generated by the tax assessed on "transportation-related items" be transferred to the Highway Fund and an additional 2% of that sales and use tax revenue transferred to the Multimodal Transportation Fund. Transportation-related items include sales of motor vehicles and products for the repair and maintenance of motor vehicles, including but not limited to, tires, batteries and motor oil.

**Transportation**

LD 1724 - An Act To Authorize Municipalities To Develop and Operate Pilot Programs for the Use of Autonomous Vehicles for Public Transportation. (Sponsored by Rep. Sanborn of Portland)

Until March 31, 2022, this bill authorizes municipalities to enter into memoranda of agreements (MOA) with the Secretary of State, the Department of Transportation and the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Bureau of Insurance to develop, test and operate pilot programs for the use of autonomous vehicles for public transportation.

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January 27, 2018

Mr. John Davis, Town Manager
Municipal Building
197 Penobscot Avenue
Millinocket, ME 04462

Dear John,

At a meeting of the Planning Board held on January 23, it was voted by a 4 to 1 margin, to recommend that the Town Council not allow recreational use marijuana enterprises to operate in the Town of Millinocket.

The Board’s decision is based upon input received from Steve Kenyon, Police & Fire Chief; Frank Boynton, Superintendent of Schools and Robert Peterson, CEO of Millinocket Regional Hospital, plus comments received from the public at a hearing held on January 9th and the Board’s belief that recreational use marijuana enterprises would have a detrimental effect upon other businesses operating in the community. In addition, we were aware of the fact that a significant majority of Millinocket voters opposed recreational use of marijuana, in the statewide referendum held in November 2016.

Enclosed for your reference is a summary of comments by Steve Kenyon, Frank Boynton and Robert Peterson, which were made available to members of the public attending the hearing held on January 9th. The comments gives insight into the concerns the Planning Board considered in arriving at its decision.

The Board will revisit this issue upon receiving a request from you or the Town Council to draft specific guidelines for recreational use marijuana enterprises, if it is the Council’s decision to permit the operation of such businesses in the community, and after the State of Maine adopts formal rules and regulations.

Contact me if you wish you discuss this matter.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Anthony Filauro,
Chair

Cc: Mike Noble
Members of the Planning Board
Law Enforcement Concerns:

Marijuana cultivation typically produces a noticeable odor that is offensive to some individuals.

A resident, at least 21 years of age, can grow six mature plants, six immature plants, and an unspecified number of seedlings. Each plant must be numbered and show the name of the owner. Individual plants may have a value as high as $2K.

Social clubs that allow the use of marijuana may lead to personal intoxication and safety issues affecting the public. It should be prohibited to use marijuana while operating a motorized vehicle.

Federal facilities do not permit the use of marijuana on their premises.

Burglaries and manpower needs of the Millinocket Police Department may increase as a result of increased marijuana use in the community.

The manufacture of marijuana products may result in hazardous chemicals being introduced into the local environment.

Commercial ventures in Millinocket may result in individuals of questionable character coming to Millinocket to live, work or recreate.

Cultivation activities may pose concerns about fire due to increased electrical demands.

Edible marijuana products, such as candies or cookies, pose a concern with ingestion by children.

Education Concerns:

Students who pursue a commercial driver’s license are tested for the presence of marijuana or other drugs in their system.

The school system may lose federal funds due to the presence or use of marijuana on the school campus. The school system receives between $750K and $1 million in federal funds annually.

It is believed that students from pre-K through grade 12 have used marijuana, equal to 10-15% of students in the school system. Some students, at the high school level, have used marijuana since the 1970’s.

Students who use marijuana may become cognitively impaired and perform at an academic level that is below their potential.

Sharing of drugs between students is a concern and the increased presence of drugs in the home may lead to increased use by students.
John – could you add this in your report for the next meeting?

Fiberight will be behind on startup for April 2018 due to the delivery of the building had come in the wrong order to erect properly. The other issues were the construction crew had come from out of state and could not get things done due to the weather. They hired another crew but did not last due to the weather, so they went to Cinbro who is very experienced in Maine weather construction. They will put a larger crew on to makeup time.

So with that said we may have to by-pass to Norridgewock Landfill. MRC is also working with PERC to come up with maybe an agreement to dump there or Juniper Ridge Landfill. We are not sure at this time, but talks are going on to accommodate
The municipalities with no extra cost.

Millinocket has been asked if they are interested in helping small local towns such as Mattawamkeag dump at Millinocket to be transferred to by-pass Landfill if that happens, and the Town will get compensated for it. We will need action from the council before this takes place. The MRC is just trying to work out some scenarios ahead of April 2018.

Thanks,

Ralph T. Soucier
Millinocket Public Works Director
20 Cedar Street
Millinocket, Maine 04462
Tel. (207)723-7030 Cell: (207)-731-9905
Dear Citizen of Millinocket:

For the past seven years as your Governor, my priority has been to make Maine—our people—prosper. Helping you keep more money in your wallet by reducing taxes has been part of that mission.

Too many Maine families are facing skyrocketing property taxes that strain household budgets. Our elderly on fixed incomes are particularly vulnerable to these increases. School budgets are often blamed for annual increases in property taxes. But there’s another reason. A tremendous amount of land and property value has been taken off the tax rolls, leaving homeowners to pick up the tab.

As of 2016, towns and cities owned land and buildings valued at nearly $5.5 billion statewide. Large and wealthy non-profits, such as hospitals and colleges, often escape paying property taxes on their vast real estate holdings—totaling more than $5.1 billion statewide.

In Maine, nearly 2.5 million acres of land have been set aside for conservation by the federal and state governments and non-profit organizations, including land trusts. Municipalities are losing out on property taxes on an estimated $2 billion in land that has been either removed from the tax rolls or prohibited from development—shifting the cost of municipal services to local homeowners through higher property taxes.

It’s time to recognize the results of taking property off the tax rolls and identify solutions to reduce the burden on our homeowners. My administration’s proposals have been met with staunch resistance.

In 1993, about 35,800 acres of land were documented as land-trust owned. That number has increased by an astonishing 1,270 percent. Land trusts now control over 490,000 acres with an estimated value of $403 million. We must restore the balance. We will be working this session to ensure all land owners are contributing to the local tax base. It’s time for them to pay their fair share.

I encourage you to ask your local officials how much land in your municipality has been taken off the tax rolls, as well as how much in tax revenue that land would have been contributing today to offset your property taxes.

If ever I can be of assistance to you or if you have any questions or suggestions, I encourage you to contact my office by calling 287-3531 or by visiting our website at www.maine.gov/governor.

Sincerely,

Paul R. LePage
Governor
Enclosed please find a copy of our latest “Straight From the Tap,” quarterly bill insert that we routinely send to customers in your community. It contains useful information that we wanted to make sure you saw in case you get comments or questions, and feel free to post the document to your municipal website. We can provide you with an electronic version suitable for the internet. The most recent four issues can also be downloaded at www.mainewater.com > Customers > Bill Inserts and Facts Sheets.

The topics discussed in our Winter “Straight From the Tap” edition include:

- Protecting Your Pipes and Water Meter
- Clear Snow to Allow Access to Hydrants and Meters
- Coats for Kids Donations
- Commitment to Customer Satisfaction
- Help us Reach You in an Emergency
- Tap Water is a Great Value
- Infrastructure Investments and Your Rates

We appreciate your interest and look forward to hearing from you at any time. If you have any questions about the water quality or service in your community, please feel free to contact me at 1-800-287-1643, or email me at rknowlton@mainewater.com.

Rick Knowlton, President
2005 E. Indian School Rd  
Phoenix, Arizona 85016  
Phone 800-772-0467  Fax 866-556-3552

**BILL TO:** JODAY NELSON  
Town of Millinocket

**SHIP TO:** JODAY NELSON  
Town of Millinocket

**COMMENTS OR SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:**

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**TOTAL**  
$3,864.99

Thank you for your business!
ORDER #19-2018

PROVIDING FOR: Execution of the Warrant for February 01, 2018

IT IS ORDERED that the Warrant for February 01, 2018 in the amount of $__________ is hereby approved.

Passed by the Town Council ________________

Attest: _______________________________
ORDER #20-2018

PROVIDING FOR: Execution of the Warrant for February 08, 2018

IT IS ORDERED that the Warrant for February 08, 2018 in the amount of $_________ is hereby approved.

Passed by the Town Council__________________

Attest:_____________________________
ORDER #21-2018

PROVIDING FOR: Approval of an Application for a Victualer’s License for Wing Dingahs

IT IS ORDERED that the attached application for a Victualer’s License is hereby approved for:

Stanley R. Grindle, 99 Morgan Bay Rd, Surry ME 04684
d/b/a
Wing Dingahs, 99 Morgan Bay Rd, Surry ME 04684

Passed by the Town Council

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(please include current copy of your state of maine department of human services food vendor's license)
Non-Transferable

Acting Commissioner

[Signature]

Expiry: 10/20/2018

Fee: $200.00

State of Maine
Department of Health and Human Services

WING DINGNAGS
99 MORGAN BAY RD
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ATTN STANLEY R GRINDEL

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ORDER #22-2018

PROVIDING FOR: Authorization to sign a Memorandum of Agreement with Penobscot County.

IT IS ORDER that the Millinocket Town Council approves the signing of a Memorandum of Agreement with Penobscot County for the disposal of municipal solid waste, recycled materials, white goods, demolition debris, and universal waste.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Town Manager be authorized to sign all the necessary paperwork to complete the agreement.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL: ____________________

ATTEST: ____________________
MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
By and between
THE TOWN OF MILLINOCKET AND PENOBSCOT COUNTY

The Penobscot County Commissioners, acting in their capacity as Municipal Officers in and for the Unorganized Territories of TP3, TP4, TA R7 WELS, Cedar Lake, Long A, Hopkins Academy Grant, Veazie Gore, T1 R8 WELS and T2 R8 WELS in Penobscot County, herein after referred to as “THE COUNTY”, in accordance with the vote of said Commissioners at their regular meeting held , 2018 enter into agreement with the Town of Millinocket, herein after referred to as “THE TOWN”, for the use of the Millinocket Transfer Station by the residents of the above named townships, hereinafter described and designated under the following terms;

1. This agreement includes the disposal of municipal solid waste, recycled materials, white goods, demolition debris and universal waste.

2. The County will provide the Town with a property owner listing for the purpose of issuing permits. The County will also provide a list of acceptable/non-acceptable materials and a schedule of the transfer station hours and charges to each family living in the above named townships. The Town agrees to verify residency before issuing disposal permits.

3. The Town will charge the residents of the Unorganized Territories an annual transfer station sticker fee of $10.00 and a per item fee for the disposal of items containing Freon, tires, bricks, cement, cement blocks and shingles according to the attached schedule.

4. The Town agrees to deliver all MSW to PERC and the County will pay the tipping fees on the estimated 215 tons of waste generated by the residents and businesses in the above named townships. The Town agrees to allow PERC to credit the County for these tons on a monthly basis (17.92 tons per month).

5. The County agrees to pay the Town per the following fee schedule per year for the use of the Town’s transfer station:

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<td>2018-2019</td>
<td>$16,136.29 (pro-rated from April 1, 2018)</td>
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The County will pay the annual fee within 30 days of the receipt of an invoice from the Town. This cost is based on 215 tons of MSW, demo debris and universal waste.

6. The term of this agreement shall be for the period April 1, 2018 until June 30, 2021.

7. Both parties agree to an annual review to ensure population and tonnage estimates are accurate and will provide PERC notice of any agreed changes to the tonnage allocation set forth in Section 8 below.
8. Both parties agree to provide PERC notice that for the period April 1, 2018 until June 30, 2021, **17.92 tons per month** of Millinocket deliveries to PERC will be allocated to Penobscot County.

9. In addition, if the Town’s price for diesel fuel rises above **Two-dollars and 75 cents ($2.75)** per gallon, the Town will charge the County a fuel surcharge. The surcharge will be the cost per gallon above $2.75 for every gallon purchased and attributed to this contract. The Town will be responsible to submit a copy of the fuel invoices.

10. Either party may cancel this agreement at any time, with or without cause provided at least a 60-day notification, in writing is provided to the other party. This notice allows for alternative arrangements to be made if necessary and time to communicate the change to the Unorganized Territory users.

**IN WITNESS OF,** the parties to this agreement have executed the same in triplicate on this ___ day of __________, 2018 and hereunto set their hands.

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Witness

______________________________
Peter K. Baldacci, Chairman

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Laura J. Sanborn

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Thomas J. Davis, Jr.

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PROVIDING FOR: Authorization to expend funds.

IT IS ORDERED that the Millinocket Town Council authorize the expenditure of funds in the amount $16,500 to replace the generator at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. If approved, the funds for the generator will be taken from Account 2800-1395, Slow Runners, and the remaining balance in this account will be $27,675.07.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Town Manager be authorized to sign all the necessary paperwork to complete the project.

NOTE: The cost to replace the generator is approximately $14,248.088. The purpose for the $16,500 request is to cover any extra cost that may occur.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL: ____________________

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<td>1.00</td>
<td>CMD40KU 40KW 1800 rpm liquid cooled Kubota diesel generator, with Marathon gen.</td>
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<td>277/480 volt and 150 gallon subase fuel tank, block heater, 60 amp breaker, DSE</td>
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<td>4510 Deep sea controller</td>
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<td>1.00</td>
<td>Asco series 300 100,100 amp 277/480 volt ATS</td>
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<td>Freight Charge</td>
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<td>Perform startup and testing</td>
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Subtotal: $16,241.20
Tax: $6.38
Total: $16,248.08
PROVIDING FOR: Approval of the Katahdin Area Arts Festival.

IT IS ORDERED: that the Millinocket Town Council grants approval for Jim Phelps to conduct the Katahdin Area Arts Festival that will take place on Penobscot Avenue on Saturday, August 25, 2018.

IT IS FURTHERED ORDERED that Penobscot Avenue from Pine Street to beyond Poplar Street be shut down to the general public from 7 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL: ____________________

ATTEST: ____________________
PROVIDING FOR: Municipal Release Deed (Bouchard)

IT IS ORDERED that the Town Manager be authorized to execute and file all the necessary paperwork, including signing a release deed, to complete the repurchase of a home by Peggy Bouchard, 41 Colony Place, Millinocket, Maine, as shown on Map U08, Lot 0068, for $5,993.04, as all the outstanding taxes, interest, and fees have been paid.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL: ______________________

ATTEST: ______________________