

Carrabassett Valley Selectmen's Meeting

3:30 p.m. Monday October 15th, 2018 at the Town Office

Agenda:

Review and sign 2018 Payroll Warrants:

Review and sign 2018 Town Expenditure Warrants:

1. **MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:** (September 24, 2018 attached).

 2. **PROPOSAL FROM THE HEALTHY COMMUNITY COALITION:** Peggy Willihan and Andrea Richards representing Healthy Community Coalition (non-profit affiliated with Franklin Memorial) will be present to describe how their organization is working with communities to form "tobacco-free public areas". Peggy has been working with our Recreation Director, Deb Bowker, in identifying public areas of Carrabassett Valley that a proposed policy would affect. A number of years ago, a policy was discussed for Carrabassett Valley but was never approved. Please find attached a proposed policy and related public site locations for discussion.
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Their proposal is quoted as: "Tobacco-Free Community Recreation (policy) promotes the health and safety of CV residents at the Town's recreational area properties as tobacco-free areas. The proposed policy helps guide the community and serves as clear communication with all stakeholders. The policy is written to serve as a self-enforcing agreement.

The presentation to the Selectmen is an effort to get representation from the governing body. Other community support comes from youth, parents, teachers, coaches, community leaders, public health professionals, etc.

CV is all about outdoor sports and recreation where positive health benefits occur from a Tobacco-Free environment".

3. **MARIJUANA BUSINESSES REGULATION SURVEY:** Please find attached a notice of a Voluntary Non-Binding Survey that will be distributed to Carrabassett Valley voters at the November 6th General Election. In addition, this is a notice of the 6:00 p.m. October 23rd public forum to be held at the Library Building. We have also attached a copy of the actual survey. We will also be announcing a Survey in the Town's upcoming Fall Newsletter (link to Survey Monkey). The attached notice describes the public process in place going forward to assist the Committee, the Selectmen and the Town going forward.

The Marijuana Business Regulation Committee will hold its fourth meeting at 6:00 p.m. on October 16th at the Town Office.

- 4. PROPOSAL FROM THE CENTER FOR COMMUNITY GIS TO CREATE A GIS BASE MAP FOR ALL MOUNTAIN BIKE, NORDIC SKI AND SNOWSHOE TRAILS IN CARRABASSETT VALLEY:** At the request of the Mountain Bike Trail Signage Sub-Committee, this organization was contacted to provide a proposal to re-map the entire trail system with high accuracy GPS. Their proposal (\$4,000) is attached. If completed, this will create GIS layers that can differentiate the different trail systems. The plan is to use this information to help create a base map for a new signage system for the entire trail network in 2019. If approved, the funding may need to come from the Town/Club Account (current balance \$76,000) and \$500 from Sugarloaf. However, CRNEMBA may step up and pay for this with their funds (to be determined prior to the Selectmen's Meeting). Maine Huts and Trails is contributing much of the GPS information obtained from their trail network. Tim Flight is heading up the Trail Signage Sub-Committee.
- 5. FURTHER DISCUSSION CONCERNING THE POTENTIAL TOWN PURCHASE OF 250 ACRES OF THE SO CALLED "TED JONES" LOT:** We believe the Selectmen are interested in holding a public informational meeting concerning this proposal?? We have asked the Town's Forest Management Consultant to conduct a brief "timber cruise" of this property. They are going to give us a brief written report of their findings which we anticipate receiving within the next couple of weeks. We have also attached an article that we wrote for the upcoming Town's Newsletter (this article can be changed but would need to be done so very soon) concerning this proposal.

- 6. ENGINEERING FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE LARGE CULVERT THAT PROVIDES THE STREAM CROSSING ON THE OUTDOOR CENTER ROAD:** We went back and obtained another quote from an engineering firm (Plymouth Engineering) for \$3,500 to do this work which was lower than a previous quote (\$6,000) we received for this work. The plan is to get the engineering completed this fall to submit to D.E.P. (Permit by Rule we believe) and to put out to bid this project at some point this winter/next spring.
- 7. SEPTIC SYSTEM DESIGN FOR THE INFORMATION CENTER:** The Committee that is looking into a plan to expand the Information Center wishes to complete a septic design (approximately \$450) for an eventual septic system for that building (as part of a building expansion). As you may know, that building does not have a septic system. The design is needed to identify where the system would be located on the lot and corresponding site costs. This Committee is formulating plans for a 20'x22' expansion and for renovations. They would like to meet with Selectmen in November to discuss these plans, a related budget and possible funding.
- 8. CODIFICATION OF TOWN ORDINANCES:** This past summer, we were fortunate in having our intern, Nick Aschauer, search all of the Town records for Town Ordinances and then "codify" them into a document. We will present this lengthy document to the Board at the meeting. The document contains all of the Town's Land use Ordinances which makes it lengthy. Our goal is to review this and (January?) ask the Selectmen to

propose requesting the voters approve this “Codification of Carrabassett Valley Ordinances” at the annual March Town Meeting.

9. INFORMATIONAL:

- Marijuana Business Ordinance Committee Meeting: 6:00 p.m. October 16th at the Town Office.
 - Public Forum 6:00 p.m. October 23rd at the Library: Marijuana Business Regulation Committee to present information concerning options for the Town to consider and the Public Process in place concerning this issue.
 - AVCOG Planning Day: November 1st in Auburn: We have attached information concerning this event. There are several topics that may be of interest to the Selectmen and Planning Board to attend.
 - 2019 State Valuations for Franklin County (attached): Carrabassett Valley is now the highest valued town in Franklin County (due primarily to the devaluation of Verso Mill in Jay)—this could create a substantial increase in our Franklin County Tax Assessment starting next July.
 - Award for Town Report (attached)
 - Article on the state of municipal recycling attached.
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**TOWN OF CARRABASSETT VALLEY
MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING
September 10, 2018**

Board Members Present: **Bob Luce** **Jay Reynolds**
 Karen Campbell **Lloyd Cuttler**
 John Beaupre

Others Present: **Dave Cota** **Courtney Knapp**
 John Tobias

Bob Luce opened the meeting at 3:30 p.m. and welcomed those present.

Payroll Warrant #37 for \$20,989.56 was reviewed and signed by the Selectmen.

Expense Warrant #38 for \$273,932.34 was reviewed and signed by the Selectmen.

The Minutes of the September 10, 2018 Selectmen's Meeting were reviewed. Jay Reynolds ~~made a motion to approve the minutes as written.~~ Karen Campbell ~~seconded the motion.~~ Motion approved.

The Board of Selectmen convened early to discuss the option of hiring a construction management company to provide preconstruction and construction services for the new Mountain Fire Department. John Blanchard from H.E. Callahan Co was present to discuss how this could work. They were involved with the construction of the Community Center.

Mike LaPlante of the Maine Department of Labor came to present Fire Chief Courtney Knapp and the Carrabassett Valley Fire Department with the 'Shape Award'. This award is given for their stellar safety record. Since 2005, there have only been 90 of these awards given, so it is a special and commendable designation. Other members of the Department of Labor were in attendance to also offer their congratulations to Chief Knapp.

Dave Cota discussed the sale of 5,000 square feet of town-owned land in back of a lot on Route 27. This has been done previously with eleven other lots sales. Ross Horn purchased Map 9, Lot 66 and would like to purchase a 100' x 50' parcel to make his lot conforming to land use standards. Most recently, the sale price on this type of parcel was \$3,000. Ross would be responsible for any survey costs, as well as closing costs. There was discussion that the last sale was back in 2010, and that the cost should consider inflation. The Board determined that \$3,300 was an appropriate price. Jay Reynolds made a motion to permit the sale of the additional land for Lot 66 at a rate of \$3,300. Lloyd Cuttler seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Dave Cota reviewed the bids received for two-year plowing contracts. Dave reported that response was very good this year with seven contractors responding. Jay Reynolds expressed concern that all bidders provide their insurance information to protect the Town. Dave reviewed the bids received for each of the areas identified. Lloyd Cuttler made a motion to award the contacts to J & R Davenport for the Town Roads, Jordan Excavation for the Airport,

New Solutions for the AGC, Information Center and Transfer Station, First Tracks for the Airport Trailhead. Jay Reynolds seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Dave Cota reviewed the engineering for the drainage improvements for the Outdoor Center Road. He has been speaking with an engineer about this project, but also recently spoke with another engineer with whom he would like to discuss the project and review their proposal. This matter will be reviewed again at a future meeting. It is anticipated that this will entail a D.E.P. Permit By Rule. It is very important to make sure this is designed and property as there has been fairly significant damage to this area with the last two large storms.

Appointments to the Mountain Bike Trail Committee were made: Wolfe Tone was so appointed.

Planning Board member Chris Parks can no longer be on the Planning Board, so alternate Deidre Frey would move up to that position (expires 2020). Roddy Ehrlinbach will then move up to the first alternate position (expires 2019). This now leaves a vacancy for the second alternate. Tim Flight was appointed to this position, pending his acceptance. Karen Campbell made a motion to accept the plan as discussed. Jay Reynolds seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Dave Cota has had an offer for help in compiling the annual newsletter from Peggy Willihan. He would like to provide some form of payment for her services in this capacity. He would like to pay her an hourly rate of \$20 for her services. ~~The Board of Selectmen were in favor of this arrangement up to \$1,000 this year and review how this goes this year with potential for more assistance for this time-consuming annual project next year.~~

Informational:

The Marijuana Business Ordinance Committee will meet tomorrow at 6pm at the Town Office. The committee has been making good progress, and they are looking at the option of doing a survey of the taxpayers.

The Mountain Bike Trail Committee will meet on Friday at 1pm at the Town Office.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynn Schnorr

Carrabassett Valley Tobacco-Free Policy

The Town of Carrabassett Valley Administration, Recreation Department and Board of Selectmen care about promoting the good health and quality of life for its citizens and visitors; and is dedicated to providing everyone with a safe and healthy environment at all of the Carrabassett Valley recreational area properties, effective [DATE].

The Town of Carrabassett Valley organizes and promotes a diversified range of recreational programs, special events and activities at field and facilities owned by the Town of Carrabassett Valley. The Mission of the Carrabassett Valley Recreation Department is to provide recreational and leisure opportunities that enhance the quality of life for all citizens and to provide safe environments for our adolescents and adults. The Town of Carrabassett Valley recognizes that smoking tobacco, marijuana and the use of other tobacco products at our recreational area properties is detrimental to the health and safety of everyone and supports an environment where nobody is exposed to the harmful effects of secondhand smoke and everyone is supported in efforts to live tobacco-free. Therefore, The Town of Carrabassett Valley has adopted a 100% tobacco-free recreational area property policy, that exceeds state law (22 M.R.S.A. § 1580-A).

This policy prohibits all smoking and the use of all tobacco 24 hours a day, 365 days a year:

- In all Carrabassett Valley owned, leased and affiliated buildings.
- On all Carrabassett Valley owned or leased properties [can list if applicable]

- At all Carrabassett Valley permitted or sanctioned events— both indoors and outdoors when on Carrabassett Valley property.
- In all Carrabassett Valley owned, leased or rented vehicles.

This smoke and tobacco-free policy applies to all people utilizing Carrabassett Valley space, including organizers of, and attendees at, public events, including but not limited to, athletic events, concerts, productions, conferences, meetings, lectures, social events and/or cultural events using Carrabassett Valley owned, leased and affiliated property. Everyone is required to abide by The Town of Carrabassett Valley's smoke and tobacco-free policy.

DEFINITIONS

- A. "Smoking" means inhaling, exhaling, burning or carrying any lighted or heated cigar, cigarette, pipe or joint, or any other lighted or heated tobacco or plant product intended for inhalation, including hookahs and marijuana, whether natural or synthetic in any manner or in any form. "Smoking" also includes the use of an electronic smoking device which creates an aerosol or vapor, in any manner or in any form, or the use of any oral smoking device for the purpose of circumventing the prohibition of smoking in this policy. Non-smoked marijuana products including, but not limited to, edibles and dabs are also included in this policy.
- B. "Tobacco" is defined as all tobacco-derived or containing products, including but not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, little cigars, cigarillos, bidis, kreteks; all smokeless and dissolvable tobacco products, including but not limited to, dip, spit/spit-less, chew, snuff, snus and nasal tobacco; and any product intended to mimic tobacco, containing tobacco flavoring or delivering nicotine, including but not limited to, electronic nicotine delivery systems, e-cigarettes, e-cigars, e-hookahs, vape pen or any other product name or descriptor. Or the use of any other type of tobacco or nicotine product for the purpose of circumventing the prohibition of tobacco in this

policy. This does not include products specifically approved by the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for the purpose of cessation or nicotine replacement therapy.

PROCEDURES

This policy will be communicated through tobacco-free signs posted at all property entrances and throughout the facility, through employee education, including being written into training manuals and new employee orientation.

Everyone is required to comply with The Town of Carrabassett Valley's tobacco-free policy. Enforcement of this policy will follow the standard procedures of the facility.

October 1, 2018

**Tobacco-Free Community Recreation
Signage Locations**

Location	# of Signs	Sign Location 1	Sign Location 2
Town Park	5	Swimming Pool	Parking Lot, Gazebo, Ball Filed
Town Office Municipal Building	2	Town Office Entrances	Northstar Ambulance
AGC	4	Front Entrance	Parking Lot and CVA Pathway (shared ownership)
Library Complex	3	Entrance	Patio, Community Garden
Airport	7	Fueling Station	Airport Hangars
Information Center	2	Entrance	Porta Potty
Outdoor Center	6	Entrances	Parking Lots
Narrow Gauge Trail	5	Access Points	Bridge, Bigelow Station, Campbell Field, Black Fly Filed, Huston Brook KIOSK
Adaptive Center	3	Entrances	Yurts
Golf Course	3	Club House, Patio	Driving Range
Transfer Station	4	Office Building, Swap Building	Cardboard Building, Woodpile
Police Dept.	2	Office Entrances	
Fire Station	2	Valley	Mountain
Other	2		
Total Signs	50		

**Town of Carrabassett Valley Notice of Public Forum at 6:00 p.m. on
October 23rd, 2018 and Notice of Survey Request
Concerning Whether or not to Allow Marijuana Businesses to Operate
in Carrabassett Valley**

An Advisory Committee appointed by the Board of Selectmen will hold a Public Forum on **October 23rd, 2018, at the Carrabassett Valley Public Library at 6:00 p.m.** to present information concerning recently approved State of Maine legislation that allows municipalities in Maine to approve ("Opt In") or not approve any or all of four types of Marijuana Businesses to operate in their respective communities if the local legislative body (Voters in CV) votes to do to so. The four types of Marijuana Businesses under consideration are:

- **Retail Sales of Adult-use Marijuana:** Authorized to sell adult-use marijuana and marijuana products to consumers.
- **Commercial Cultivation of Adult-use:** Authorized to grow and process marijuana for sale in adult-use retail stores.
- **Manufacturing of Adult-use Marijuana Products:** Authorized to extract components of the marijuana plant to make marijuana products such as tinctures and edibles.
- **Testing of Adult-use Marijuana Products:** Authorized to test marijuana and marijuana products for contamination, potency, and safety.

The purpose of the **October 23rd** forum is to provide information concerning the State Legislation and the process that the Committee has recommended to obtain as much public input as possible from the community. The Committee is also providing an anonymous Voluntary (non-binding) Survey to voters of the Town during the upcoming November 6th general election as well as access to an online (weblink) Survey to all property taxpayers of Carrabassett Valley, including the Town's many non-resident tax taxpayers. More information will be announced in the Town's upcoming annual newsletter (mailed to all taxpayers with anticipated distribution in November). These surveys are anonymous and your participation in them will be greatly appreciated.

Depending upon the results (favorable or unfavorable) of these surveys, along with input from public forums and the Advisory Committee the Board of Selectmen may (or may not) propose an Ordinance to be voted upon by the voters of Carrabassett Valley at the March 2019 Town Meeting. An Ordinance would essentially regulate any or all of the four types of Marijuana Businesses as described above.

To make an educated decision, we encourage voters and property taxpayers of Carrabassett Valley to view additional information concerning the State of Maine Marijuana legislation on the Town's website: www.carrabassettvalley.org and to attend the Public Forum on **October 23rd** to learn more.

Town of Carrabassett Valley SURVEY

We Need Your Help!

An Advisory Committee, appointed by the Town of Carrabassett Valley (CV) Board of Selectmen, is conducting a non-binding survey of CV residents and property taxpayers to determine whether the Town should allow Marijuana Businesses to operate in Carrabassett Valley.

As you may know, recently approved State of Maine legislation allows cities and towns in Maine to approve (Opt-In) or not approve any or all of the four types of Marijuana Businesses to operate in their respective communities if the local legislative body (voters in CV) of a town or a city votes to do so. The four types of Marijuana Businesses under consideration are:

- **Retail Sales of Adult-use Marijuana:** Authorized to sell adult-use marijuana and marijuana products to consumers.
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Depending upon the results of this survey, and input from public forums in the community, and the Advisory Committee the Board of Selectmen may (or may not) propose an Ordinance to be voted upon by the voters of CV at the March 2019 Town Meeting. An Ordinance would essentially regulate any or all of the four types of Marijuana Businesses as described above.

This survey is voluntary and anonymous, and your participation is greatly appreciated!

Please indicate your current residency with the Town of Carrabassett Valley (select only one choice):

- I am a full-time resident and taxpayer.
- I am a seasonal resident and taxpayer
- I rent or lease housing in Carrabassett Valley.

1. Please indicate your official voting registration status (select only one choice):

- I am a registered voter in the Town of Carrabassett Valley.
- I am NOT a registered voter in the Town of Carrabassett Valley.

Questions 3 through 6 Adult-use marijuana legislation – Please read the following four categories and definitions of Adult Use Marijuana Businesses currently under consideration in the Town of Carrabassett Valley. Adult-use is defined as adults 21 years of age or older. The current Maine State law prevents the operation of an adult-use establishment until the legislative body (voters of CV) of a municipality votes to authorize that type of establishment. (Commonly referred to as the (Opt-In approach to legislation.)

Please indicate below whether you are or are not in favor of these Adult-Use Marijuana Business options (based upon appropriate regulations voted upon by the Town in an Ordinance which would include governing the number and location of these businesses along with other requirements).

2. **Retail Sales of Adult-use Marijuana:** Authorized to sell adult-use marijuana and marijuana products to consumers.

Yes, I am in favor of Retail sales of adult-use marijuana in Carrabassett Valley.

No, I am NOT in favor of Retail sales of adult-use marijuana in Carrabassett Valley.

3. **Commercial Cultivation of Adult-use:** Authorized to grow and process marijuana for sale in adult-use retail stores.

Yes, I am in favor of Commercial Cultivation in Carrabassett Valley.

No, I am NOT in favor of Commercial Cultivation in Carrabassett Valley.

4. **Manufacturing of Adult-use Marijuana Products:** Authorized to extract components of the marijuana plant to make marijuana products such as tinctures and edibles.

Yes, I am in favor of Products Manufacturing Facilities in Carrabassett Valley.

No, I am NOT in favor of Products Manufacturing Facilities in Carrabassett Valley.

5. **Testing of Adult-use Marijuana Products:** Authorized to test marijuana and marijuana products for contamination, potency, and safety.

Yes, I am in favor of Testing Facilities in Carrabassett Valley.

No, I am NOT in favor of Testing Facilities in Carrabassett Valley.

Thank you for your participation in this survey. Additional open forums, hearings and other informational opportunities are scheduled as follows:

Open Forum: October 23, 2018, 6 p.m. at the CV Public Library

November 6, 2018 Election Day: Participation in paper non-binding Survey at the election booth or by absentee ballot prior to the Election.

Public Hearing: January 2019 (final date to be determined)

Dependent Upon Survey Results and Public Input: Town Meeting Warrant (Selectmen): February 2019

Dependent Upon Survey Results and Public Input: Town Meeting Vote: March 13, 2019



Center for Community GIS
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Farmington, Maine 04938
207.778.0900
www.community-gis.org

PROJECT WORK ORDER

Date: 10/10/18

Client: Town of Carrabassett Valley, Carrabassett Valley Trails Committee (CVTC)

Project: Outdoor Center Trails Inventory

Primary Contact: Dave Cota, Town Manager

Phone: 207-235-2645 **Email:** towncvtm@roadrunner.com

Work order description (describe data/maps/analysis, attach additional information if needed):

In order to support signage planning, future map updates, loop planning and other property management needs, CVTC needs accurate data for the interconnected trails—mountain bike, Nordic skiing, snowshoeing— at the Outdoor Center. This expanding, interconnected trails system has not been comprehensively field mapped, and updated baseline data is need to depict the extent of the network and to properly characterize the different trail use types. Signage and key infrastructure (e.g., bridges, hut locations, etc.) also needs to be located and mapped.

Total Project Estimate: \$ 4000

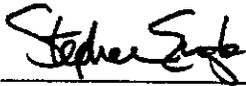
Cost notes (estimated hours, relation to budget, etc.):

- CVTC would like to have all Outdoor Center trails mapped as soon as possible this fall. The exact distance of trails to be mapped is not known; based on current maps and literature total mileage of trail to be captured may be upwards of 120km.
- CCGIS proposes to remap the entire network of trails using high accuracy Global Positioning Systems (GPS) by foot and by mountain bike (for outer loops). Field work is not planned for trails on the north side of Routes 16/27 as part of this project.
- Using Geographic Information Systems (GIS) software, all field-gathered GPS data will be corrected and aligned against current aerial photography from the state of Maine. Trail segments will be fully attributed and will include storing trail names, trail types, trail width, trail difficulty class. Distance values for each trail segment will also be calculated.
- CCGIS will utilize and integrate "clean" data already gathered by CVTC volunteers where this information exists.
- Final project deliverables will include:
 - Comprehensive GIS data layers (in shapefile format) for trails, infrastructure, and other points of interest. (The master GIS data layers can be easily transformed into other file formats if desired, e.g., KML, GPX).

- A large format, planning map (24"x36") of the property showing all newly gathered trail data along with other reference information. This map will be saved in PDF format and can be plotted at different file sizes.
- With most of our clients, CCGIS works on a time and materials basis. For this project, we suggest following this approach with the understanding that CCGIS will complete the entire project for a not-to-exceed project total of \$4,000 inclusive of all direct expenses.
- CCGIS proposes submitting two invoices according to the following schedule:
 - \$1,000 on signing project contract; and
 - A final invoice on completion and submission of final deliverables.
- CCGIS can begin field work on this project as early as October 18th and will conduct field work as weather and scheduling permits. In-office GIS work and site map development will be completed by early December.
- Baseline data gathered through this project can be easily updated by CCGIS or other GIS users (MH&T?) as trails continue to be built and evolve.

This Project Work Order is good for 30 days from the date of issue.

AGREED BY:



10/10/18

Center for Community GIS

Date

Client

Date



Join AVCOG for the 31st Annual
Planning Day

FEE: Includes workshop, all material, refreshments and lunch.

Registration Per Person:

AVCOG Members \$35.00
Non-member \$60.00
Executive Committee/General Assembly Representatives Free

PLANNING DAY 2018 - November 1 2018

PLEASE REGISTER: krobichaud@avcog.org by Thursday, October 25, 2018.

Name _____ Title _____
Affiliation _____ Address _____
E-mail _____ Phone _____

Name _____ Title _____
Affiliation _____ Address _____
E-mail _____ Phone _____

Name _____ Title _____
Affiliation _____ Address _____
E-mail _____ Phone _____

Please make checks payable to: Androscoggin Valley Council of Governments

Accommodations will be made for persons with disabilities. Auxiliary aids will be provided upon advance request. Requests for accommodations or auxiliary aids must be made 72 hours prior to the meeting.

**Please Pre-register by:
Thursday, October 25, 2018**

Late Fee \$10.00, effective 10/26/2018

PLEASE MAIL TO: Keri Robichaud
Androscoggin Valley Council of Governments
125 Manley Road
Auburn, ME 04210

KRobichaud@avcog.org

This registration is your receipt, please keep a copy.

*Thursday, November 1, 2018
Hilton Garden Inn
Conference Center
Auburn, ME*

8:30 - 8:50 a.m. - Registration

8:55 - 9:10 a.m. - Opening Remarks

9:10 to 10:30 a.m.

Option 1: Short Term Rentals Panel Discussion

Short term housing rentals (Airbnb, Vrbo, etc.) are becoming more common everywhere. Learn what legal issues should be considered before regulating short term rentals, hear what other communities have done, and ask questions of the panel.

Presenters: Benjamin T. McCall, Bergen & Parkinson, LLC, Maureen O'Meara AICP, Town of Cape Elizabeth, John Root, Town of Rockland

Option 2: Stormwater for Projects

This workshop addresses Stormwater issues that towns should consider when reviewing new projects, (designed for towns which are not an MS4 community).

Presenters: Jeff Denis, Maine DEP Watershed Management Unit

10:35 to 11:50 a.m.

Option 1: Regional Status of Electric Cars and Chargers

Do you know where the closest electric vehicle charging station is? Interested in how one might benefit your town? Come find out more about the uptake of electric cars in Maine, what is being done to expand the charging network in our region, and how this new technology is benefitting communities.

Presenters: Scott Vlaun Center for Ecology-Based Economy (CEBE), Barry Woods, ReVision Energy, Sophie Janeway, Natural Resources Council of Maine

Option 2: Roads and the new Discontinuance Process

Confused about the difference between abandonment and discontinuance of roads? Hopefully you won't be after this session. The new discontinuance process which took effect October 2018 will be presented and questions answered.

Presenters: Jim Katsiaficas, Perkins Thompson, Breana Gersen, Maine Municipal Association

12:00- 1:25 p.m.

Lunch, AVCOG General Assembly Meeting/Program

1:30 - 3:00 p.m.

Marijuana Laws and Ordinance Development

You may think we've been here and done it but it's changed . . . again. 2018 has been a busy year for the State legislature which passed a new Adult Use/Recreational Law and updated Medical laws. This session will provide a summary of the new laws and discuss how the town as an employer is affected, and how to approach and what to consider in ordinance development for regulating medical and adult use.

Presenters: Mary Costigan & Ann Freeman, Bernstein Shur

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parking instructions

FRANKLIN COUNTY

**MAINE REVENUE SERVICES
PROPERTY TAX DIVISION**

PROPOSED 2019 STATE VALUATION

MUNICIPALITY

STATE VALUATION

AVON	\$42,500,000
CARRABASSETT VALLEY	\$622,550,000
CARTHAGE	\$82,850,000
CHESTERVILLE	\$96,500,000
COPLIN PLANTATION	\$43,750,000
DALLAS PLANTATION	\$134,600,000
EUSTIS	\$167,300,000
FARMINGTON	\$441,050,000
INDUSTRY	\$93,350,000
JAY	\$548,950,000
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KINGFIELD	\$120,050,000
NEW SHARON	\$101,550,000
NEW VINEYARD	\$76,850,000
PHILLIPS	\$83,400,000
RANGELEY	\$521,050,000
RANGELEY PLANTATION	\$201,250,000
SANDY RIVER PLANTATION	\$126,250,000
STRONG	\$83,650,000
TEMPLE	\$40,600,000
WELD	\$121,250,000
WILTON	\$260,750,000
TOTAL	\$4,010,050,000



Maine Municipal Association

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AUGUSTA, MAINE 04330-9486
(207) 623-8428
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September 7, 2018

Mr. David E Cota, Town Manager
Town of Carrabassett Valley
1001 Carriage Rd.
Carrabassett Valley, ME 04947

Dear David:

It gives me great pleasure to inform you that the Town of Carrabassett Valley has been awarded the **Supreme Award** by the Board of Judges in the 2018 Maine Municipal Association Municipal Report Competition. Awards are given to the top three reports in five different population categories. Your community placed **first** in its population group.

For your information, the Board of Judges included Janine Pineo, Liz Chapman Mockler and Lee Burnett – all freelance writers and regular contributors to the Maine Town & City – as well as Jaime Clark, MMA's Graphic Design/Marketing Coordinator. The judging panel commends the municipal officials of your community for producing this exemplary municipal report for your citizens.

Your municipality will be recognized at our 82nd Annual Convention's Awards Luncheon on Wednesday, Oct. 3 at the Augusta Civic Center. The luncheon will begin at noon. Please register for the convention at your earliest convenience. You may pick up your award there or, if you cannot attend, we will mail it to you after the Convention. If you have any questions regarding the competition, please contact Eric Conrad, Communication & Educational Services Director at MMA, 1-800-452-8786. Congratulations!

Sincerely,

Stephen W. Gove
Executive Director

Recycling in the dumps

Market forces are destroying pro-environment industries

BY MARY ESCH
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ALBANY, N.Y. — America's recycling industry is in the dumps.

A crash in the global market for recyclables is forcing communities to make hard choices about whether they can afford to keep recycling or should simply send all those bottles, cans and plastic containers to the landfill.

Mountains of paper have piled up at sorting centers, worthless. Cities and towns that once made money on recyclables are instead paying high fees to processing plants to take them. Some financially strapped recycling processors have shut down entirely, leaving municipalities with no choice but to dump or incinerate their recyclables.

"There's no market. We're paying to get rid of it," says Ben Harvey, president of EL Harvey & Sons, which handles recyclables from about 30 communities at its sorting facility in Westborough, Massachusetts. "Seventy-five percent of what goes through our plant is worth nothing to negative numbers now."

It all stems from a policy shift by China, long the world's leading recyclables buyer. At the beginning of the year it enacted an anti-pollution program that closed its doors to loads of waste paper, metals or plastic unless they're 99.5 percent pure. That's an unattainable standard at U.S. single-stream recycling processing plants designed to churn out bales of paper or plastic that are, at best, 97 percent free of contaminants such as foam cups



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A forklift takes a bundle of residential mixed fiber, composed of a variety of paper and cardboard, off a conveyor belt at the end of a separating machine at EL Harvey & Sons, a waste and recycling company in Westborough, Mass. Recycling programs across the United States are shutting down or scaling back because of a global market crisis blamed on contamination at the curbside bin.

and food waste.

The resulting glut of recyclables has caused prices to plummet from levels already depressed by other economic forces, including lower prices for oil, a key ingredient in plastics.

The three largest publicly traded residential waste-hauling and recycling companies in North America — Waste Management, Republic Services and Waste Connections — reported steep drops in recycling revenues in their second-quarter financial results. Houston-based Waste Management reported its average price for recyclables was down 43 percent from the previous year.

"A year ago, a bale of mixed paper was worth about \$100 per ton; today we have to pay about \$15 to

get rid of it," says Richard Coupland, vice president for municipal sales at Phoenix-based Republic, which handles 75 million tons of municipal solid waste and 8 million tons of recyclables nationwide annually. "Smaller recycling companies aren't able to stay in business and are shutting down."

Kirkwood, Missouri, announced plans this summer to end curbside recycling after a St. Louis-area processing facility shut down. Officials in Rock Hill, South Carolina, were surprised to learn that recyclables collected at curbside were being dumped because of a lack of markets. Lack of markets led officials to suspend recycling programs in Gouldsboro, Maine; DeBary, Florida;

Franklin, New Hampshire; and Adrian Township, Michigan. Programs have been scaled back in Flagstaff, Arizona; La Crosse, Wisconsin; and Kankakee, Illinois.

Other communities are maintaining recycling programs but taking a financial hit as regional processors have raised rates to offset losses. Richland, Washington, is now paying \$122 a ton for Waste Management to take its recycling; last year, the city was paid \$16 a ton for the materials. Stamford, Connecticut, received \$95,000 for recyclables last year; the city's new contract requires it to pay \$700,000.

A big part of the problem, besides lower commodity prices overall, is sloppy recycling.

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