

Notice of Public Hearing Aroostook County

Adoption of a Liquor License for St. Peter's Store

In accordance with Title 28-A M.R.S. §1201 paragraph 4 the Board of Aroostook County Commissioners will hold a public hearing on **Wednesday, September 15, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.** in the Caribou Courthouse, Administrative Hearing Room, Caribou, Maine. The purpose of the hearing is to receive public comment regarding approval of an off-premise Malt Liquor License Application that will be submitted to the State of Maine, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations for St. Peter's County Store, 3580 Caribou Road, Cross Lake TWP, ME 04779.

All written and/or verbal comments are encouraged. Written comments can be mailed to:

Office of County Commissioners
Caribou Courthouse
144 Sweden Street, Suite 1
Caribou, Maine 04736

Attn: Ryan D. Pelletier, County Administrator

If you plan to attend, please contact Sherrill Campbell by email at sherrill@aroostook.me.us by 10:00 a.m. on September 15, 2021.

491-5711

Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations
Division of Liquor Licensing & Enforcement
8 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0008
Tel: (207) 624-7220 Fax: (207) 287-3434
Email inquiries: MaineLiquor@Maine.gov

NOTICE

To avoid any delay in the processing of your application and issuance of your liquor license, please make sure that:

You completed the application in full. (Please allow up to 30 days to process)

Application is signed by the owner(s), corporate officer.

The license fee is correct and you have also included the \$10.00 filing fee.

A diagram of the premises to be licensed accompanies the application.

If the business is located in an unorganized township, the application must be approved by the County Commissioners and the \$10.00 filing fee must be paid to them. Please be sure to include a copy of the receipt of payment with your application.

Corporations, limited liability companies, partnerships must complete and submit the Corporate Information Required for Business Entities who are Licensees.

If not a publicly traded entity, ownership must add up to 100%.

Submit Completed Forms To:

Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages
Division of Liquor Licensing and Enforcement
8 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333-0008 (Regular address)
19 Union Street, 3rd Floor, Suite 301-B, Augusta, ME 04333-0008 (Overnight address)

**BUREAU OF ALCOHOL BEVERAGES AND LOTTERY OPERATIONS
DIVISION OF LIQUOR LICENSING AND ENFORCEMENT**

DIVISION USE ONLY	
License No:	
Class:	By:
Deposit Date:	
Amt. Deposited:	
Cash Ck Mo:	
Good SOS & DBA: YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	

NEW license Yes No

Present License Expires _____

If business is NEW indicate opening date: _____

Business Hours 6am - 7pm

- X Off-Premise Retailer – Malt Liquor\$200.00
- Off-Premise Retailer – Table Wine\$200.00
- X Filing Fee\$ **10.00**

NOTE: if the place of business is located in an unincorporated place, the County Commissioners must approve the application. All such applications shall be accompanied by receipt of payment of the \$10.00 filing fee to the County Treasurer.

Check Payable: Treasurer, State of Maine

ALL QUESTIONS MUST BE ANSWERED IN FULL

Corporation Name: St Peters Country Store, LLC		Business Name (D/B/A) St Peters Country Store	
APPLICANT(S) –(Sole Proprietor) Marialice Wilde		Physical Location: 3580 Caribout Rd	
DOB: [REDACTED]		City/Town State Zip Code Cross Lake Twp ME 04779	
Address [REDACTED]		Mailing Address Same As Above? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
City/Town State Zip Code [REDACTED]		City/Town State Zip Code	
Telephone Number Fax Number [REDACTED]		Business Telephone Number Fax Number 207-834-5625	
Federal I.D. # [REDACTED]		Seller Certificate #: [REDACTED] or Sales Tax #: [REDACTED]	
Email Address: [REDACTED]		Website:	

1. List of Wholesale Value and Types of Merchandise in inventory: **(must be answered)**

Edible Foods \$ [REDACTED] Tobacco Products \$ [REDACTED] Paper Goods # \$ [REDACTED]

Greeting cards, Magazines, Newspapers \$ [REDACTED] Total all other inventory \$ [REDACTED]

- 2. Is applicant a Corporation, Limited Liability Co., or Limited Partnership? Yes No
(If Yes complete Corporate Information Required for Business Entities)
- 3. If Manager is to be hired, give name: _____

4. Is/Are applicant(s) citizens of the United States? Yes No
 5. Is/Are applicant(s) residents of the State of Maine? Yes No

7. List name, date of birth, place of birth for all applicants and managers. Give maiden name if married.

Name in Full (Print Clearly)	DOB	Place of Birth
Marialice Wilde	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

Residence address on all of the above for previous 5 years (Limit answer to city & state)

Name: Marialice Wilde	City: [REDACTED]
Name: Marialice Wilde	City: [REDACTED]
Name: Marialice Wilde	City: [REDACTED]

Use a separate sheet of paper if necessary.

8. Has applicant(s) or manager(s) ever been convicted of any violation of the law, other than minor traffic violations of any State of the United States? Yes No
 Name: _____ Date of Conviction: _____
 Offense: _____ Location: _____
 Disposition: _____ Use a separate sheet of paper if necessary.

9. Will any law enforcement official benefit directly in your license, if issued?
 Yes No If Yes, give name: _____

10. Has applicant(s) formerly held a Maine liquor license? Yes No
 11. Do applicant(s) own the premises? Yes No If No, give name and address of owner: _____

12. Describe in detail where liquor will be stored: (Off Premise Diagram Required) Walk-in cooler, shelving in store next to checkout counter

13. Have you received any assistance financially or otherwise (including any mortgages) from any source other than yourself in the establishment of your business? Yes No If Yes, give details: Mortgage from Acadia Federal Credit Union

14. Do you own or have any interest in any another Maine Liquor License? Yes No
 If yes, please list License Number, Name, and physical location of any other Maine Liquor Licenses.

License #	Name of Business	Physical Location	City / Town

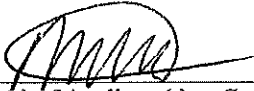
Use an additional sheet(s) if necessary.
 15. Does any other person have any interest directly or indirectly in your business (husband, wife, child, etc)?
 Yes No If Yes, give details _____

PAYMENTS TO THE DIVISION OF LIQUOR LICENSING & ENFORCEMENT BY CHECK SUBJECT TO
PENALTY PROVIDED BY 28-A MRS SECTION 3.

NOTE: "I understand that false statements made on this form are punishable by law. Knowingly supplying false information on this form is a Class D offense under the Criminal Code, punishable by confinement of up to one year or by monetary fine of up to \$500.00 or by both."

Dated at: Cross Lake Twp on August 12, 2021
City/Town Date Year

PLEASE SIGN IN BLUE INK



Signature(s) of Applicant(s) or Corporate Officer(s)

Marialice Wilde

Print Name of Applicant(s) or Corporate Officer(s)

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State of Maine
 Division of Alcoholic Beverages and
 Lottery Operations
 Division of Liquor Licensing and Enforcement

**Corporate Information Required for
 Business Entities Who Are Licensees**

Questions 1 to 4 must match information on file with the Maine Secretary of State's office. If you have questions regarding this information, please call the Secretary of State's office at (207) 624-7752.

Please clearly complete this form in its entirety.

1. Exact legal name: St. Peter's Country Store, LLC
2. Doing Business As, if any: _____
3. Legal Entity's FEIN #: [REDACTED]
4. Date of filing with Secretary of State: 06/29/2021 State in which you are formed: Maine
5. If not a Maine business entity, date in which you were authorized to transact business in the State of Maine: _____
6. List the name and addresses for previous 5 years, birth dates, titles of officers, directors and list the percentage ownership: (attach additional sheets as needed)

NAME	ADDRESS (5 YEARS)	Date of Birth	TITLE	Ownership %
Marialice Wilde	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	100
Marialice Wilde	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	100
Marialice Wilde	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	100

(Stock ownership in non-publicly traded companies must add up to 100%.)

7. If Co-Op # of members: _____ (list primary officers in the above boxes)

8. Has any principal person involved in the entity ever been convicted of any violation of the law, other than minor traffic violations, in the United States? Yes No

9. If Yes to Question 8, please complete the following: (attached additional sheets as needed)

Name: _____

Date of Conviction: _____

Offense: _____

Location of Conviction: _____

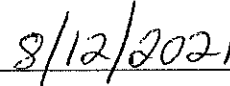
Disposition: _____

Signature:

PLEASE SIGN IN BLUE INK



Signature of Owner or Corporate Officer



Date

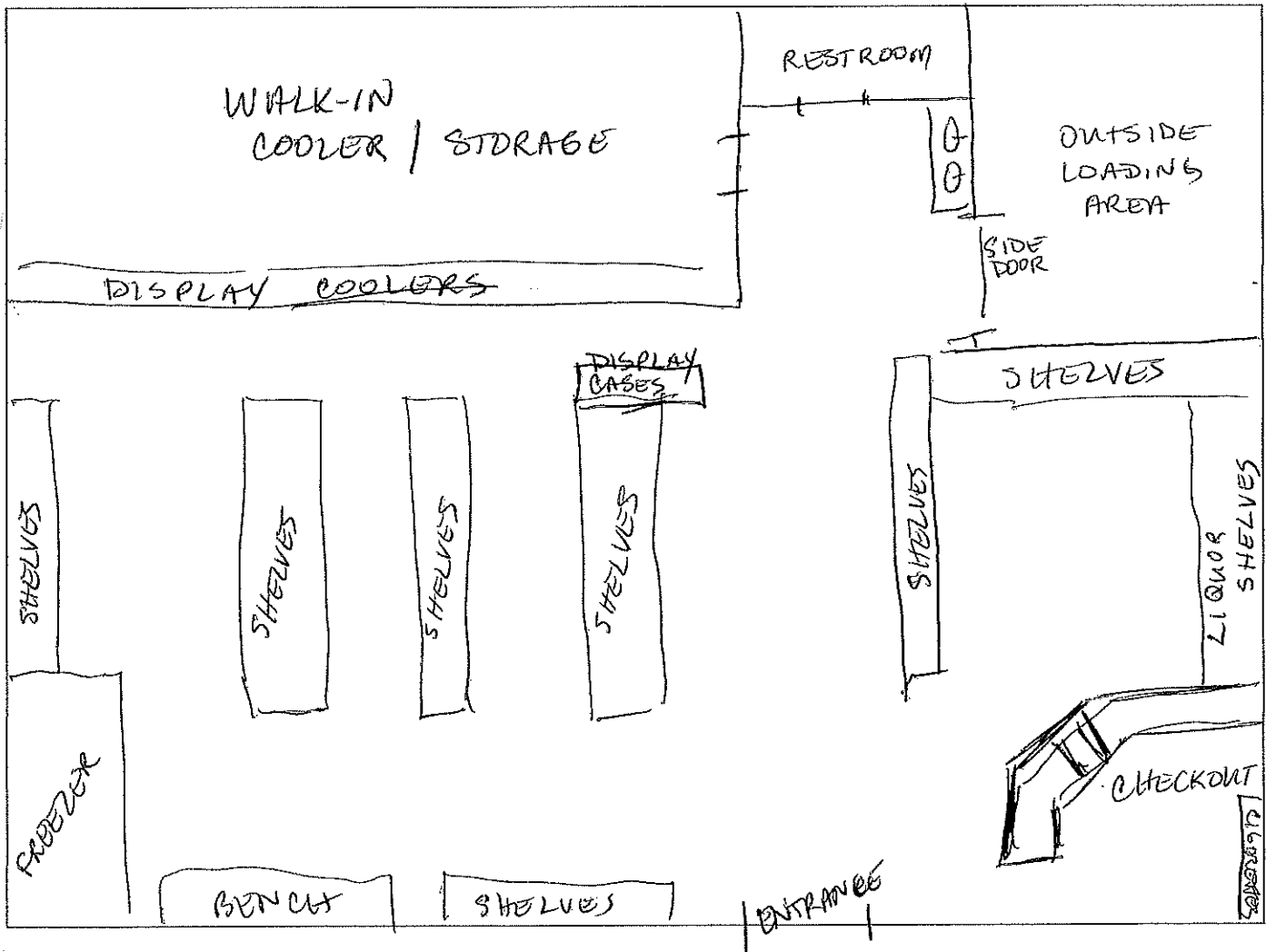
Marialice Wilde

Print Name of Owner or Corporate Officer

OFF PREMISE DIAGRAM
(Facility Drawing/Floor Plan)

In an effort to clearly define your license premise and the area that storage of liquor is allowed. The Division requires all applicants to submit a diagram of the premise to be licensed in addition to a completed license application.

Diagrams should be submitted on this form and should be as accurate as possible. Be sure to label the areas of your diagram including to follow: • Entrances • Office area • Kitchen • Storage Areas • Malt/Wine Coolers • Display Cases & Shelves • Dining Rooms • Restrooms • All Inside areas that you are requesting approval.



MINUTES

AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING - WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2021 – 1:00 P.M. –
REGISTRY OF DEEDS BUILDING – CONFERENCE ROOM (FIRST FLOOR) – FORT KENT

PRESENT

Paul J. Adams, Chair, County Commissioners
Norman L. Fournier, County Commissioner
Paul J. Underwood, County Commissioner
Ryan D. Pelletier, County Administrator
Paul Bernier, Community Services Director
Darren Woods, EMA Director (ZOOM)
Sherrill Campbell, Executive Assistant
Mary Boucher, Ashland Resident
Kevin Boucher, Ashland Resident
Harold Pelletier, Fort Kent Resident
John R. Shaw, Caribou Resident
Richard Pelletier, Madawaska Resident
Norman Bretemps, Madawaska Resident
Jack McCarthy, Woodland Resident
John Deveau, Caribou Resident
Joanna Russell Workforce Development Board (ZOOM)
Ben Hawkins, Workforce Development Board (ZOOM)
Erin Benson, Workforce Development Board (ZOOM)
Hannah Catlin, Bangor Daily News

- ART. 1. The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m.
- ART. 2. Public comment period. Caribou resident John Deveau addressed the County Commissioners regarding a constitutional resolution. Several members of the public presented statements regarding the resolution.
- ART. 3. Chair Paul J. Adams entertained a motion for approval of the agenda.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul Underwood and seconded by Norman Fournier to approve the agenda with the addition of 13. A) Reapportionment of County Commissioner Districts.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

- ART. 4. Chair Paul J. Adams entertained a motion for approval of the July 21, 2021 County Commissioners' meeting minutes.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve July 21, 2021 County Commissioners' meeting minutes.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 5. The County Commissioners approved and signed the following:

- A) Attendance record.
- B) Bills and warrants.

ART. 6. Workforce Board Quarterly update.

Joanna Russell, Ben Hawkins, and Erin Benson attended via ZOOM to present a quarterly update on the Workforce Development Board activities. The County Commissioners thanked them for their informative report.

ART. 7. Request for placement of a plaque on the Superior Court House.

Ryan D. Pelletier, County Administrator presented a request from the Houlton Chamber of Commerce to place a plaque as part of their Publicized Walking Tour on the Superior Court House.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to approve the request of The Houlton Chamber of Commerce to place a plaque on the Houlton Court House.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 8. Community Service Director Paul Bernier presented bid results for the Skedgell Road, Cary Township paving project. One bid was received from Steelstone Industries in the amount of \$285,726.00.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to award the paving bid for Skedgell Road, Cary Township, in the amount of \$285,726.00.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 9. Community Service Director Paul Bernier presented a Solid Waste agreement with the town of Sherman for Benedicta and Silver Ridge.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve the solid waste agreement with the town of Sherman for Benedicta and Silver Ridge.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

- ART. 10. With regret, the County Commissioners accepted the resignation of long-time Aroostook County Finance Committee member Reynold Raymond.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to accept the resignation of Aroostook County Finance Committee member Reynold Raymond.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

- ART. 11. County Administrator Ryan D. Pelletier updated the board on the ARP program. It is his recommendation to hire Steve Pelletier of St. John Plantation to fill the position of ARP Administrator.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Underwood and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve the recommendation of the County Administrator to hire Steve Pelletier of St. John Plantation to fill the position of ARP Administrator.

VOTE

Motion voted on and passed.

- ART. 12. County Commissioner Norman L. Fournier provided an update of the July MCCA and Risk Pool Board meetings, and provided a legislative update.

- ART. 13. Other business.

A) Reapportionment of County Commissioner Districts.

A discussion was held regarding the reapportionment of Aroostook County Commissioners per M.R.S.A. Title 30-A part 1, Chapter 1, Subchapter 2, Article 2, Sub-section 65.

Information only. No vote required.

- ART. 14. County Commissioner Paul J. Adams entertained a motion to adjourn.

MOTION:

Motion by Norman L. Fournier and seconded by Paul J. Underwood to adjourn the meeting at 2:37 p.m.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ATTEST: A True Copy
of Commissioners' Meeting

Ryan D. Pelletier
County Administrator

AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
DATE: August 18, 2021

WARRANT

State of Maine

County of Aroostook

To Martin Dionne, a resident in the Township of Sinclair (T17R4), County of Aroostook.

GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the voters of Sinclair (T17R4), in said County, qualified by law to vote in township affairs to meet at the Sinclair Senior Center, the 20th of October, A.D. 2021, at one o'clock in the afternoon (October 20, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.), to act on the following articles to wit:

- ART. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
- ART. 2. To nominate and elect one (1) voting residents of Sinclair (T17R4) to the Sinclair Sanitary District Board of Trustees for a term of three (3) years, and one (1) voting resident of Sinclair (T17R4) to fill a vacancy of a term to end on October 31,2022.

Given unto our hands this 15th day of September, A.D. 2021.

Paul J. Adams
County Commissioner

Norman L. Fournier
County Commissioner

Attest: A true copy of Warrant:

Paul J. Underwood
County Commissioner

Ryan D. Pelletier
County Administrator/Clerk

COUNTY OF AROOSTOOK, ss

Pursuant to the within warrant, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of Sinclair by posting a warrant at the Sinclair Fire Station, the Sinclair Post Office Building and Martin's Grocery, being conspicuous places in said Township on the 15th day of September, A.D. 2021.

Martin Dionne

COUNTY OF AROOSTOOK
BID RESULTS (T9R5 & OXBOW NORTH TWP.)
SNOW REMOVAL & SAND/SALTING

August 26, 2021 – 12:30 PM

PROJECT:

Oxbow Road:

T9R5	2.93 Miles
Oxbow North Twp.	<u>5.96</u> Miles
Total	8.89

BIDS:

M Rafford Trucking, Inc.

Total Miles = 8.89 \$7,424 / mile (Total = \$66,000.00)

The date of the bid opening was scheduled for Thursday, August 26, 2021 at 12:30 pm.

Full disclosure, I did receive a phone call from Mr. Ian Rafford, owner of M Rafford Trucking, Inc. stating that he had mailed out his bid on Wednesday, August 25th. The County of Aroostook received the bid documents on Friday, August 27, 2021.

Since no other bids were received by the due date of the 26th, the Rafford bid was documented and accepted as a valid bid. In a phone conversation with Mr. Rafford he chose to only bid for, and commit to the 2021-22 snow season, mainly because of the lack of labor.

It is my recommendation that the County of Aroostook approve the bid submitted by M Rafford Trucking, Inc. for the 2021-2022 snow season on the Oxbow Road in T9R5, and Oxbow North Township.

Attached are supporting documents for my recommendation.

**SECTION 2
BID PROPOSAL FORM**

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AUG 27 2021

Aroostook County Commissioners
144 Sweden Street, Suite 1
Caribou, ME 04736

Having carefully examined the Form of Contract, General Conditions, Plans and Specifications, as well as the premises and conditions affecting the Work, we, the undersigned, propose to furnish all Labor, Equipment, and Materials necessary for and reasonably incidental to the removal of snow, sanding and salting required for the completion of this Proposal.

	<u>Local Way #</u>	<u>Road Name</u>	<u>Mileage</u>
1.	S.A.-2 (Oxbow North Twp.)	Oxbow Road	5.96
2.	S.A.-2 (T9R5)	Oxbow Road	2.93

TOTAL MILEAGE 8.89

	<u>2021-2022</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
1.	\$ <u>66,000.00</u>	\$ <u>70,000.00</u>	\$ <u>72,000.00</u>
2.	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____

Aggregate Price for 2021-22 to 2023-24 \$ 66,000.00

The undersigned agrees, if this Proposal is accepted, to submit a valid Certificate of Insurance and a Commercial Drivers License compliance plan, as required, within seven (7) calendar days after the date of notification of such acceptance, and sign a contract within two (2) days of receipt of the Certificate of Insurance by the Office of the County Commissioners. The Contractor will furnish a Contract Bond, satisfactory to the County in the sum of sixty-five (65) percent of the contract price within thirty (30) days of the signing of the Contract and by November 1st of each year thereafter.

Signed: Alicia Rafford

By: _____

Firm Name: M. Rafford Trucking, Inc.

Address: PO Box 526
Ashland, ME 04732

Phone Number: 207-540-4048

County of Aroostook

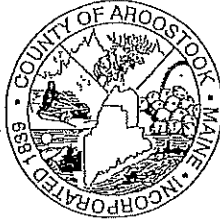
COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

RYAN D. PELLETIER

COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

PAUL G. BERNIER



COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

PAUL J. ADAMS
HOULTON

NORMAN L. FOURNIER
WALLAGRASS

PAUL J. UNDERWOOD
PRESQUE ISLE

R F P'S RECEIVED

PROJECT: Snow Removal (T9R5 & Oxboe North Twp.)

DATE ADVERTISED: August 11, 2021 **DATE BID OPENING** August 26, 2021

CONTRACTORS NAME / DATE RECEIVED

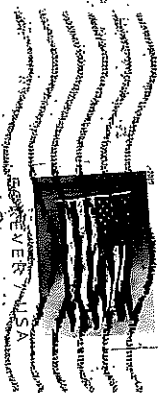
OK FOR Paul B. (MARR) 8-25-21
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M RAYFORD TRUCKING, INC. - REC'D 8-27-21 9:30 AM
1-YR BID → \$66,000.00

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PO Box 536
Ashland, ME
04932

EASTERN MAINE 044
25 AUG 2021 PM 11



RECEIVED
AUG 27 2021

BY: _____

Ryan D. Pelletier
County Administrator
County Commissioners' Office
144 Sweden St, Ste 1
Caribou, ME 04936

OXBOW Rd SWESTERVAL And HILLBURN ST
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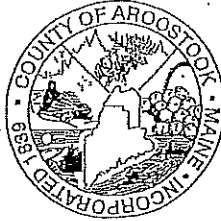
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MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 19, 2021
TO: Ryan D. Pelletier, County Administrator
FROM: Paul Bernier, Community Services Director
RE: Snow Removal Contract for Cross Lake (Ouellette Road)

Attached is the proposed Snow Removal Contract with the **Town of St. Agatha** for the **2.19 mile** portion of the Ouellette Road in the Unorganized Township of Cross Lake.

This contract is for the three (3) year period of July 01, 2021 to June 30, 2024. This contract represents a 2% increase per year for the term of the agreement.

	<u>Contract Amount</u>	<u>Cost Per Mile</u>
• July 01, 2021 to June 30, 2022	\$ 17,139.00	\$ 7,826.03
• July 01, 2022 to June 30, 2023	\$ 17,482.00	\$ 7,982.65
• July 01, 2023 to June 30, 2024	\$ 17,832.00	\$ 8,142.47

At their July 14, 2021 meeting, St. Agatha Town Officials unanimously agreed to, and signed the proposed contract. It is my recommendation that the contract be reviewed and signed by the County Administrator.

stockpiles are in compliance with all local, County, State, and Federal environmental rules, regulations, and statutes. The Contractor agrees to indemnify the County for any liability, claims, demands, causes or action or damages incurred as a result of the use of or stockpiling of salt/sand.

F. Contractor agrees to have all mixed sand/salt stockpiled by November 1st of every year of the contract.

6. The Contractor shall have and maintain Compensation Insurance, General Liability Insurance, and Vehicle Liability Insurance during the life of the Contract in the following amounts:

Compensation Insurance:		As required by law
General Liability:	Bodily Injury	\$1,000,000.00
	Property Damage	\$1,000,000.00
Vehicle Liability:	Single Occurrence	\$1,000,000.00
➤ Workers' Compensation:	Each Accident	\$500,000.00 (or)
➤ Workers' Compensation State of Maine Approval Predetermination Status		

The Contractor shall furnish the Aroostook County Commissioners with the required Certificates of Insurance, with a minimum of that amount stated above. **SAID CERTIFICATES OF INSURANCE, IN ADDITION TO THE AMOUNT OF COVERAGE, SHALL CARRY A STATEMENT WORDED AS FOLLOWS:** In the event of Cancellation or Expiration of any of the foregoing policies, ten (10) days written notice by the Insurance Company shall be mailed to the Aroostook County Commissioners.

The Insurance Requirements for the Contractor shall also apply to any and all Subcontractors hired by the Contractor.

The Contractor agrees to maintain liability insurance to protect it from personal injury, death or property damage claims which may arise from snow removal and sanding operations under this contract. The Contractor further agrees to indemnify, assume the defense of, and save harmless the County, its agents and employees from liability, actions claims or damage for wrongful death, personal injury or property damage suffered by any person or association, which results from the willful or negligent action or inaction of the Contractor in the performance of duties, and the work performed under this contract.

7. If the Contractor is in violation of any of the terms of this contract, or if the County or its representative is of the opinion that work described in this contract is being performed unsatisfactorily, the County shall notify the Contractor by certified mail setting forth the basis for the County's complaint. Upon receipt of such notice, the Contractor shall have ten (10) days to comply with the terms and conditions of this contract or rectify the unsatisfactory work. If at the expiration of the ten (10) day period, the County's representative is dissatisfied with the Contractor's performance, or the Contractor is not in compliance with the terms of this contract,

the County will, by certified mail, notify the Contractor to discontinue all work to be performed under this contract. The County may thereupon, by contract, or otherwise complete the work, and the Contractor or its surety shall be liable for costs that exceed the rate provided in this contract. Such charges shall be deemed liquidated damages.

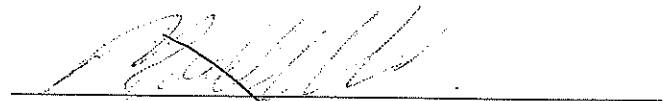
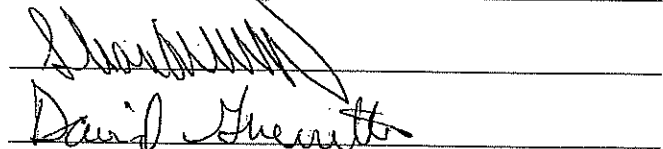
8. In consideration of the faithful performance of this work as set forth above, the County agrees to pay the Contractor in accordance with the following schedule for the 2.19 total miles of road covered by this contract.

Year	Cost Per Mile	Centerline Miles	Aggregate Cost
July 01, 2021 – June 30, 2022	\$7,826.03	2.19	\$17,139.00
July 01, 2022 – June 30, 2023	\$7,982.65	2.19	\$17,482.00
July 01, 2023 – June 30, 2024	\$8,142.47	2.19	\$17,832.00

9. This agreement shall be in effect for three (3) years from **July 01, 2021 to June 30, 2024**. The County and Municipality shall review this agreement at the end of each anniversary date, and either the County or the Contractor, by vote of their respective officials, can terminate this agreement upon ninety (90) days written notice to the other party.
10. Payments shall be paid annually, beginning **April 2022**. Payments shall be made in April as part of the regular Unorganized Territory warrant schedule, typically on one of the two pre-scheduled warrant dates.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties to these presents have executed this contract each of which will be deemed an original on the _____ day of _____ 2021.


WITNESS



OFFICIALS OF ST. AGATHA

WITNESS

Ryan D. Pelletier, County Administrator



Tyler Jones poses with Justice, one of the many puppies he has trained. (Joseph Cyr | Houlton Pioneer Times)

Purpose Pups dog training opens in Shiretown

[Joseph Cyr](#) • June 18, 2021

HOULTON, Maine — Tyler Jones knew he was at a crossroads in his life and a change was needed.

A drifter who was living in three different states, Jones was arrested for non-violent marijuana crimes and sentenced to a federal penitentiary in South Carolina before later being transferred to Boston.

“I was lost,” Jones said. “When you get knocked down, you have to get back up. It’s part of redemption, making yourself a better person by learning from your mistakes.”

Jones was serving a nine-year sentence when he had a life-changing experience thanks to a four-legged friend. A councilor in the prison introduced Jones to the [NEADS Prison Pup program](#), a nonprofit that places service dogs with veterans or those with disabilities nationwide.

“I found that I truly loved training dogs,” Jones said.

He set a personal goal of opening his own dog-training center and upon his release from prison the wheels were quickly set in motion. Thus was born Purpose Pups, a Maine family-owned and operated dog training business in Houlton specializing in full-service dog training, as well as many other elite dog training solutions.



The Jones family, from left, David, Tyler and Helen, are the operators of Purpose Pups, a dog training facility located in Houlton. (Joseph Cyr | Houlton Pioneer Times)

With the assistance of his parents, Helen and David Jones of Houlton, Tyler Jones decided to open his dog training business in the Shiretown at 70 Bangor St. He selected a deep blue interior color scheme for his location to pay homage to his father’s time in the U.S. Navy.

“My parents believed in my vision while I was in prison,” he said.

The motto of Purpose Pups is “We love your dog first, then train them second” as a tribute to his mother — a disabled children’s advocate for the past 40 years. David and Helen have fostered more than 100 children.

“I try to pass on the love and compassion my mother has shown to so many children to the dogs that I now train,” he said.

His office illustrates that point to perfection as there are numerous photographs featuring Jones with a variety of different dogs.



Tyler Jones stands next to a painting found in his business. The painting features Jones in his prison uniform with a small black labrador on his shoulder. A broken chain symbolizes his break from the life of crime he led prior to his incarceration.

(Joseph Cyr | Houlton Pioneer Times)

His favorite image is a painting created by artist Sara Turner of [Nauti Dog Fine Arts](#) that shows Jones with his first pup, Justice. That painting features Jones in his prison uniform with a small black Labrador on his shoulder. A broken chain symbolizes his break from the life of crime he led prior to his incarceration.

“She (Turner) really captured my redemption with that painting,” Jones said. “I think it is important for people to know that I went to federal prison, but I made the best of it. I became stronger after that trial and tribulation.”

Jones received 7,000 hours of positive reinforced based training and also received his Department of Labor Animal Trainer certification for his work with dogs. One day, Jones would like to offer a juvenile program as an alternative to sentencing youths to detention facilities.

Purpose Pups offers a variety of training packages, ranging from loose-leash walking sessions to training service dogs to assist disabled people or those needing emotional support dogs to dog obedience sessions. He also offers online training via Zoom sessions and in-home visits.

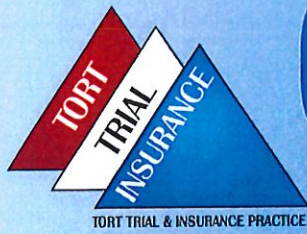
Jones trains all breeds and all ages of dogs.

“What better job could you possibly have than having tail wags and smiles all day?,” he said. “I also love seeing an owner gain a better understanding of their pets. That makes it all worth it.”

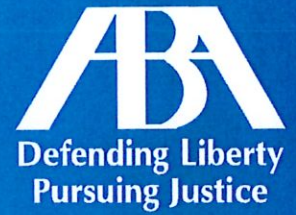
For information, contact Jones at training@purposepups.com or call 207-694-8227.

Purpose Pups, a dog-training facility in Houlton, celebrated a grand opening June 12. Taking part in the ceremony are, from left, chamber member Lori Weston, trainer Tyler Jones, owners David and Helen Jones, and Greater Houlton Chamber Director Jane Torres. (Joseph Cyr | Houlton Pioneer Times)





Committee News



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Animal Law Committee



SUCCESSFUL LAUNCH OF HUMANE EDUCATION PUBLIC SERVICE PROJECT

By: Meena Alagappan

"In the end, we will conserve only what we love. We will love only what we understand. We will understand only what we are taught." - Baba Dioum, Ecologist

The Animal Law Committee recently launched the Humane Education Project as a joint public service project of the TIPS' Animal Law and Law in Public Service Committees; and Humane Education Advocates Reaching Teachers (HEART), a nonprofit public charity. The primary objective of the Humane Education Project is to cultivate compassion and empathy in our youth toward animals and foster respect for the environment.

In March 2009, we began piloting this program in Washington, DC and New York City, where interested volunteers were trained by two of HEART's teachers, Kimberly Korona and Casey Sullivan, to offer a four-lesson humane education program for fourth and fifth grade students. As part of the project, the Animal Law Committee (the Committee) and HEART published a comprehensive Humane Education Training Manual including detailed lesson plans, teaching tips, classroom

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COURTHOUSE DOGS: A Case Study

By: Ellen O'Neill-Stephens

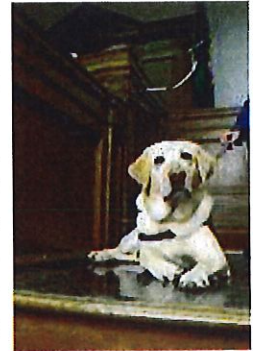
"Leave Mama alone!" screamed five-year-old Joey as he saw his drunken father strangling his mother. "Who are you sleeping with, answer me!" demanded Robert as he continued to tighten his grip. Sophia struggled and managed to push her husband aside. She ran to the kitchen to escape out the back door but her husband grabbed her again and flung her against the refrigerator with such force that it rocked backwards. Joey tried to get between his parents to protect his mother and begged his father to leave her alone. The assaults continued and each time Sophia tried to flee the apartment, Robert stopped her. Sophia managed to grab a phone and call 911, but Robert pried it from her hands and threw it to the ground, shattering it into pieces. Finally, Robert shoved Sophia out the door of the house, pulled her to the ground by her hair and threw the pieces of the broken phone after her. As a parting shot he told her he was going to kill her and she believed him. Robert brought sobbing Joey inside and locked Sophia out. Concerned for Joey's safety Sophia ran to the car and used a cell phone she had left there to call 911.

When the police arrived and entered the house they found Joey on the bed with a blanket pulled tightly to his chest. The officer who found him in the darkened bedroom described him as having tears in his eyes and shaking visibly. When questioned, Joey described the assault in detail and it was apparent he had witnessed the whole thing.

Several months later and just weeks before trial, deputy prosecuting attorney Tomas Gahan met with Sophia in her apartment. While reluctant to testify, Sophia indicated she would respond to her subpoena. When Gahan asked Joey if he would also take the stand and tell the jury what his father did, Joey just shook his head and looked at the floor. He's too scared, Sophia said—he won't talk. Then Gahan remembered Ellie, the trained assistance dog that works in the prosecutor's office to comfort crime victims. "Do you like dogs?" asked the prosecutor. "Yes, I like puppies a lot," replied Joey. The promise of seeing Ellie insured Joey's presence at the defense interview.

By this time Gahan had learned that this case was more than one incident of domestic violence. Sophia had at one time been Robert's stepdaughter, whom he had sexually abused for years; at age 19 she had given birth to their son

Joey. Robert then divorced Sophia's mother and married Sophia. During the five years that they had been married, Sophia was often physically abused by Robert. Prior to this most recent incident she had attempted to distance herself from him, but there was pressure from their extended families for Sophia just to accept the situation with her husband.



Gahan was determined to do his best to convict Robert because his incarceration would mean that Sophia and Joey would be safe for a number of years. The defendant was charged with several felony offenses, but Gahan knew that Sophia, like so many victims of domestic violence, was going to minimize the attack, saying that she felt "a little frustrated" when the defendant strangled her. This made Joey's testimony crucial—whereas Sophia had had years to become accustomed to the violence, the impact of the assaults witnessed by Joey still had an emotional impact. Gahan needed him to convey to the jury what Sophia had really gone through.

On the day of the defense interview, Gahan's heart ached when he saw Joey. The child had black hair, huge brown eyes, and was wearing cotton jogging pants and sandals. Joey looked scared and Gahan wondered how he could put him through this ordeal. "Just a minute, I'll be right back," Gahan said and trotted down to the other end of the prosecutor's office to retrieve Ellie. Joey's face brightened when he saw Ellie wagging her tail as she walked towards him. They played together for about ninety minutes and with Ellie snuggled beside him, Joey was able to tell the prosecutor and defense attorney what had happened.

The next stage of the proceedings was the competency hearing. Judge Craighead had to determine if Joey knew the difference between right and wrong and if he could provide truthful testimony. The judge, Joey, and Ellie nestled into the jury box and the judge asked Joey questions about Ellie. *How old are you? Who is your friend, there? What is her name? Would it be a truth or a lie if I said Ellie was a cat?* It would be a lie, exclaimed Joey. After several more questions the judge determined that the case could proceed to trial with Joey as a witness.

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- * Promising breed registration papers to the buyer in a stablemen's lien foreclosure sale. Breed registries, unless they receive a signature on the transfer papers from the last recorded owner, will only transfer papers if the lien sale was lawfully performed. Some breed registries insist on an attorney's opinion letter that the lien sale complied with the applicable law. A few registries demand a declaratory judgment from a court that the sale was legal before they will allow papers to transfer.

COURTHOUSE DOGS...

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On the day of the trial Joey immediately asked for Ellie and held her leash as he walked up to the witness chair with her by his side. Assuming that Joey would be able to recount the incident again, Gahan asked Joey his name. Joey looked up at the rear of the courtroom and saw his aunt, Robert's older sister, looking at him. She frightened him and Joey could only sit in his chair and stare at the floor. Gahan felt terrible about Joey's situation but continued to ask him questions hoping to get some sort of response from him. Finally he approached the stand and in a whisper asked him if he was afraid. Joey nodded his head yes and Gahan asked for a recess. "Let's take Ellie and show the judge the tricks she can do," Gahan said as they walked off the stand. Gahan felt a little guilty that he was using Ellie to bribe Joey to get off the stand and into the judge's chambers but he was desperate to salvage his case. Inside the judge's chambers Joey played with Ellie and after a few minutes he began to relax. The judge showed Joey pictures of her dog and they talked about how friendly Ellie was. Then the judge asked Joey why he was afraid and he told her that his aunt would be angry with him for telling what happened.

The judge excused the aunt from the courtroom. Joey resumed his seat in the witness stand and Ellie lay down beside him. "Let's start again, what's your name?" Gahan asked. "My name is Joey, spelled J-O-E-Y," and his description of the strangling and assault of his mother was described from a terrified five-year-old's perspective. During cross-examination, Ellie flipped onto her back for a tummy rub and Joey reached down and stroked her belly for several minutes. Gahan was amazed

Conclusion

Because of drastic differences among the laws, counsel should make sure to research and read the applicable law very carefully.

This article does not constitute legal advice. When questions arise based on specific situations, direct them to a knowledgeable attorney. ⚖️

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to see that Joey had become so relaxed that he could absentmindedly pet Ellie while answering the defense attorney's questions. At last it was over and Joey and Ellie marched off the stand and out of the courtroom.

At the defendant's sentencing a few weeks later, the judge based her decision that the defendant should spend seven years in prison in large part on Joey's compelling testimony.*

In an interview a short time later Gahan told me about this case.

"I first met Ellie when she and I were working in juvenile court. I'm not a dog lover, I thought Ellie was okay but the only thing we had in common was going into other people's offices to look for food at lunch time. I'm still not a dog lover but I have to give Ellie credit for not only helping Joey testify but making him feel more relaxed and safe during the experience. Using Ellie for trial didn't just help me win the case, it also provided a calming effect on Joey, who was certainly a primary victim in this case, and assisted him in his rehabilitation as a victim and witness to a horrific event. I got a call from Sophia just before the sentencing. She told me that she and Joey were living together in an apartment and that they were alone now because everyone in their family hated them. But she also said for the first time in their lives they felt free."

Courthouse Dogs

Since 2003 courthouse dogs in King County, Washington, have been promoting justice by providing emotional support for everyone in our criminal justice system. Because the concept of dogs assisting crime

victims in a courtroom setting is in its infancy, it is essential that best practices be used in order to preserve the use of this important tool.

What type of dog should be used in this setting?

Only highly trained facility dogs should accompany a witness to the stand. A dog that can reduce stress for a witness while he or she testifies requires a dog that can be quiet and unobtrusive. The dog should be able to either sit or lie on the floor beside the witness and be emotionally available to the witness when the need arises. Needless to say, if a dog misbehaves in a courtroom it could result in a mistrial or make judges reluctant to take this risk to accommodate the needs of a nervous witness.

When should a dog accompany a witness to the stand?

Using a dog to provide emotional support to a witness should be reserved for those witnesses that truly require this assistance. Make this assessment while preparing the witness for the trial. In one instance, the deputy prosecutor asked the judge to allow a facility dog to assist young twin sisters in an incest case, because the girls cried and refused to sit in the witness chair. In another case, the judge permitted the facility dog to assist an adult rape victim when the victim exhibited physical symptoms of stress and told the judge she needed the dog to get through the ordeal of seeing the defendant and his defiant family while she testified. Afterwards, this woman told me that merely holding Ellie's leash while she was on the stand made her feel more in control.

Presenting the motion to the judge

Information about the evidence rule, the case law, and making a record about the use of the dog in a trial can be found at <http://www.courthousedogs.com/courtroom.html>. A sample brief in support of the use of a dog in the courtroom can be found at <http://www.courthousedogs.com/brief.html>.

A courthouse dog helps defense counsel too

A defense attorney who is comfortable with dogs can use the dog to her or his benefit during


cross-examination. In this case defense counsel did not object to Ellie providing emotional comfort to Joey. During cross examination both petted the dog and she scored some points on behalf of her client. Rather than appearing to be grilling the child and alienating the jury she came across as a kind and gentle person.

Courthouse use improves the status of dogs

Well-trained dogs working in the criminal justice system are raising the status of these animals in society. When many people think about a dog, they envision a barking pet who lives in the backyard and adds very little value to society. When they encounter a highly-trained assistance dog at the courthouse, it is an eye-opening experience. Their contact with these professional dogs changes their perception of the cognitive capabilities possessed by a domestic canine. The next time that they think about a dog, they may remember the calm, perceptive animal that they met at the courthouse.

A vision for the future

The use of courthouse dogs can help bring about a major change in how we meet the emotional needs of all involved in the criminal justice system. The dog's calming presence creates a more humane and efficient system that enables judges, lawyers, and staff to accomplish their work in a more positive and constructive manner.

For more information about this innovative use of well-trained dogs working in the criminal justice system, visit www.courthousedogs.com. 

*This is a true story. The names of the individuals involved in the incident have been changed to protect their identities.

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Photograph of Ellie by Dane and Dane.

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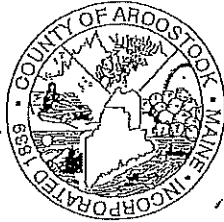
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MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 03, 2021
TO: Aroostook County Commissioners
FROM: Paul Bernier, Community Services Director
RE: Winter Maintenance; Mill Road, Benedicta

At our May 19, 2021 Commissioners' meeting in Fort Kent, Article 11 referenced a letter from Mrs. Mellissa McAvoy Edwards of Benedicta requesting that the Mill Road in Benedicta be opened to winter maintenance approximately an extra 2,000 feet beyond its current turnaround location to allow access to the driveway of a new residence that is being built by Mrs. Mellissa McAvoy Edwards. I voiced my concerns regarding road width, ditch lines and the challenge of being able to use the proper equipment needed for winter maintenance.

In reviewing previous minutes from various meetings pertaining to the Mill Road seasonal status, I have attached copies of the minutes for you review. All pertinent information has been highlighted. Below is a list of the supporting documents.

- 1) Letter from Mrs. Melissa McAvoy Edwards dated May 03, 2021
- 2) September 09, 1998 Minutes of a Public Hearing (ART. 3) pertaining to the proposed winter closing of the Mill Road.
- 3) June 20, 2000 Minutes of a Public Hearing pertaining to the Mill Road in Benedicta.
- 4) July 19, 2000 Minutes of a Commissioners' meeting (ART. 11) pertaining to a legal opinion regarding the plowing of Roads closed for winter maintenance.

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May 3, 2021

Dear Mr. Adams,

My name is Mellissa McAvoy, I am in the process of buying property on the Mill Road in Benedicta from my father (Edward McAvoy).

As you know the road is currently only plowed to the cell phone tower. Where we are hoping to build our house is approximately 2,000 feet beyond that point.

I have had various conversations with people from Benedicta that were on the Select Board or otherwise involved when the town voted to surrender its incorporation in 1987. Each of these men has the same recollection as my dad – that the road would become a winter road unless they needed it plowed to access their farms or make their property saleable at which time the county would resume maintenance of the road to the point where the town had always plowed (which is approximately 2,000 feet beyond the property in question). I assume that this was taken into consideration when the road was reopened as far as the tower, and again more recently when arrangements were made Mr. Ullrich.

Please consider this letter my formal request that the road be opened and maintained in the winter moving forward. If there is anything more that I need to do please reach out (Cell – 207-461-4617, or email mellissa@calculationsinc.com).

Sincerely,



Mellissa McAvoy

MINUTES

**AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING - SEPTEMBER 9, 1998 - 5:30
P.M. - CONFERENCE ROOM - HOULTON DISTRICT COURT BUILDING - HOULTON**

PRESENT

Norman L. Fournier, Chairperson, County Commissioners
Paul J. Adams, County Commissioner
John D. McElwee, County Commissioner
Roland D. Martin, County Administrator

- ART. 1. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chairperson Norman L. Fournier.
- ART. 2. Chairperson Norman L. Fournier entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the September 2, 1998 County Commissioners meeting.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Adams and seconded by John D. McElwee to approve the minutes of the September 2, 1998 County Commissioners meeting.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

- ART. 3. Public Hearing on proposed winter closing of the Mill Road, T.W. No. 1436 in Benedicta

The public hearing (Attachment I) was called to order by Chairperson Norman L. Fournier. Commissioner Fournier stated that today's hearing is being held for the purpose of obtaining written and/or oral comments regarding proposed winter closing of the so-called Mill Road, T.W. # 1436 in Benedicta.. This hearing is being called pursuant to and in accordance with Title 23, Sections 2051 and 2953 of the Maine Revised Statutes. This hearing is the second of three public hearings being held in Aroostook County for this purpose.

Chairperson Norman L. Fournier then called upon the County Administrator who gave the following detailed description and location of the Mill Road in question:

Benedicta: Mill Road, T.W. # 1436. This road is 1.48 miles in length and has traditionally been closed. David Cyr, Public Works Director, advised that records indicate this road has been closed during the winter months since 1974-75 when Benedicta was an organized town. At that time the town of Benedicta appeared before the County Commissioners for this action. Currently, part of this road serves as a section of the ITS snowmobile trail

system. The County has never maintained this road. Private sector has maintained the road during the winter months to support wood harvesting operations. Also, there are no year-round residents on this road.

Chairperson Norman L. Fournier adjourned the public hearing noting that no one from the public was in attendance and that no comments had been received or heard.

Chairperson Norman L. Fournier entertained the following order: following a public hearing pursuant to Title 23 M.R.S.A. Section 2953(2), and due deliberation, it is the opinion of the County Commissioners of the County of Aroostook that the so-called Mill Road (T.W. #1436) in Benedicta is so located with references to population, use and travel thereon, that is unnecessary to keep the road maintained and open for travel during the months of November, December, January, February, March and April for a period of ten (10) years.

MOTION:

The above mentioned order was moved by John D. McElwee and seconded by Paul J. Adams.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 4. The County Commissioners approved and signed the following:

- A. Attendance Record.
- B. Bills and Warrants.
- C. Contracts:

- Chairperson Norman L. Fournier entertained a motion to approve a one year (July 1, 1998 - June 30, 1999) solid waste agreement with the Town of Van Buren for T17R3 in the amount of \$1,500.00.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Adams and seconded by John D. McElwee to approve a one year (July 1, 1998 - June 30, 1999) solid waste agreement with the Town of Van Buren for T17R3 in the amount of \$1,500.00.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

- Chairperson Norman L. Fournier entertained a motion to approve a one year (July 1, 1998 - June 30, 1999) ambulance services agreement with the Town of Van Buren for T17R3 in the amount of \$1,500.00.

MINUTES

PUBLIC HEARING – ON THE MILL ROAD IN BENEDICTA June 20, 2000 – 6:00 P.M.

PRESENT

Norman L Fournier, Chairperson, County Commissioner
Paul J. Adams, County Commissioner
Peter S. Kelley, County Commissioner
Roland D. Martin, County Administrator
Dave Cyr, Public Works Director

The public hearing was called to order by Chairperson Norman L. Fournier.

Commissioner Fournier stated that today's hearing is being held for the purpose of obtaining written and oral comments regarding the September 9, 1998 Order of Closing of the Mill Road, T.W. #1436 in Benedicta. Pursuant to Title 23 Section 2953 the County Commissioners may, and can alter or modify the original determination.

Chairperson Norman L. Fournier then called upon the County Administrator who gave a brief summary as to the purpose of the public hearing.

In September 1998 the Board of County Commissioners officially closed, for winter maintenance only, the Mill Road. This was done when several other roads were officially closed. Since 1986-1987 the County has never plowed or maintained the Mill Road during winter months. Upon review it was discovered that the Mill Road had not been officially closed. According to the county's records the Mill Road has not been open during winter months since the town of Benedicta de-organized.

In December of 1999 the County received a letter from Mr. & Mrs. LeRoy Carney stating that they hadn't been advised that the Mill Road was closed and were requesting information as to how it could be re-opened or what the procedure was to discuss this issues. The County Administrator forwarded copies of state statutes and explained that after a year the Commissioners on their own initiative or upon petition could hold a public hearing to alter, annal or modify their decision of 1998.

The purpose of the petition was to ask the County Commissioners to hold a public hearing on their decision that was made on September 9, 1998 and to re-open or open the Mill Road for winter purposes.

David Cyr, Public Works Director, informed the County Commissioners and the public that in 1974 the selectman of Benedicta approached the County Commissioners to discontinue the Mill Road for winter maintenance. It is understanding of the County Commissioners that the Mill Road had not been maintained by Benedicta or the County of Aroostook since 1974.

Several residents asked that if the County Commissioners chose not to reopen the Mill Road that they be allowed to plow the roadway themselves, especially in the spring. David Cyr responded that this could cause liability issues. After much discussion on this subject the County Commissioners asked the County Administrator to research the legal ramification on this.

Commissioner Norman L. Fournier thanked all for their comments and input and advised that the Commissioners in their deliberation would consider their comments. Also, that they would research the issue of allowing private individuals to plow roads that have been closed for winter months. Once the Commissioners make a decision, those in attendance will be notified.

Commissioner Norman L. Fournier adjourned the Public Hearing at 6:45 p.m.

Mona Qualey	Benedicta	365-4258
Alec Qualey	"	"
Ona McAway	"	365-4617
Edward McArmy	"	365-4617
Peter Qualey	Sherman	365-4174
Lucille Widdie	Spurlock Rd East Millersport	746-5537
Jake Crowl	Benedicta	365-4112
Nancy Rivers	Benedicta	365-7607
Roy Rivers	BENEDICTA	365-7607
Frank Ulett	Benedicta	365-4831
Richard Hall	Benedicta	365-7232
Margie Hall	Benedicta	
Gene McAway	Benedicta	365-4986
Leo McAway	Benedicta	365-4486
Andrew J Qualey	Benedicta	365-4168
Quetta Conroy	Howland	732-3425
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Residents of Benedicta

The County Commissioners of Aroostook will hold a hearing for the purpose of obtaining written and/or oral comment regarding the September 9, 1998 Order of Closing of the Mill Road (T.W. #1436) in Benedicta.

Pursuant to Title 23, Section 2953, the County Commissioners may annul, alter or modify the original determination.

Hearing Location/Date/Time

Place: St. Benedicta Parish Center

Date: Tuesday, June 20, 2000

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Persons wishing to comment are encouraged to attend this hearing.

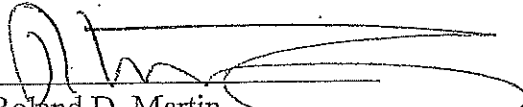
Norman L. Fournier

Paul J. Adams

Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST: A True Copy

Date: May 4, 2000



Roland D. Martin
County Administrator

MINUTES

AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING – WEDNESDAY, JULY 19, 2000 – 5:30 P.M – FORT KENT MUNICIPAL BUILDING – FORT KENT

PRESENT

Norman L. Fournier, Chairperson, County Commissioners
Paul J. Adams, County Commissioner
Roland D. Martin, County Administrator
Wilfred J. Bell, County Treasurer

ART. 1. Chairperson Norman L. Fournier called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ART. 2. Chairperson Norman L. Fournier entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the June 21, 2000 County Commissioners' Meeting.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Adams and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve the minutes of the June 21, 2000 County Commissioners' Meeting.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 3. The County Commissioners approved and signed the following:

- A. Attendance Record.
- B. Bills and Warrants.

ART. 4. The County Commissioners opened the following bids:

Carpeting at Caribou Courthouse

- ◆ The Carpet Barn of Caribou
Installation as per specifications \$3,675.00
- ◆ S.W. Collins of Caribou
Installation as per specifications \$4,135.58
- ◆ Furniture & Floors North of Houlton
Installation as per specifications \$4,500.00/\$4,250.00
- ◆ Nadeau's House of Flooring of Fort Kent
Installation as per specifications \$4,814.00

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 9. Discussion on Closing of two (2) Roads for Winter Maintenance

Dave Cyr, Public Works Director, advised the County Commissioners that the Maine Department of Transportation (MDOT) is requesting the closing of the Cove Road for winter maintenance due to the fact that they have to maneuver the plows into the New Sweden Road through traffic exposing them to some liability.

Dave Cyr, Public Works Director, submitted a proposal to the County Commissioners to discontinue and remove the north entrance of the St. Peter Road in T17R5. He spoke with Mr. Robert Hebert and Mr. & Mrs. Doug Allen, while Mr. Hebert and Mr. Allen are in support of the proposal Mrs. Allen is less than enchanted with the idea.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Adams and seconded by Norman L. Fournier not to take any actions to close the Cove Road, although they requested Dave Cyr to contact Mr. Hebert and Mr. & Mrs. Allen to inquire if they are indeed supportive of the purposed discontinuance and removal of the north entrance of the St. Peter Road. Once this information has been received the County Commissioners will determine if a public hearing will be held to discuss the proposal.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART.10. Request from Houlton Chamber of Commerce for Letter of Support for Reconstruction of U. S. Route 1

Dave Cyr, Public Works Director, advised the County Commissioners of a letter received from the Houlton Chamber of Commerce requesting that the County send letters of support to various entities such as Legislators, Senators and Representatives etc. supporting the reconstruct and repair to US Route 1 between Houlton and Topsfield.

The County Commissioners discussed how to pursue the best approach to fulfill the request of the Chamber of Commerce using the scoring of the MDOT six (6) year plan, and after much discussion they requested that the County Administrator respond to Peter Chase of the Chamber of Commerce and invite him and any interested persons to attend the County Commissioners' Meeting held in Houlton to discuss their request. A decision on whether or not to support their request will be made at that time.

ART. 11. Legal Opinion Regarding Plowing of Roads Closed for Winter Maintenance

David Cyr, Public Works Director, advised the County Commissioners that he spoke to Becky Seales of Maine Municipal Association (MMA) regarding the ramifications of a municipality allowing a private individual to plow a public road that has been closed to winter maintenance.

The Maine Municipals Association's response was that the abutting property owners could open the road at their expense without exposing the municipality/county to any liability from their failure to maintain the same standards as the municipality/county. Becky Seales, Staff Attorney of the MMA cautioned that the municipality would likely be named in any legal action taken, but the municipality should be able to defend themselves quite easily and be held harmless. She suggested that we post a sign at the beginning of a road signifying that the road is closed to maintenance for the period stated in the closure order.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Adams and seconded by Norman L. Fournier authorizing Dave Cyr, Public Works Director to draft a letter concerning the response of the MMA as to plowing of the roads, to be send out to the individuals who attended the June 20, 2000 public hearing in Benedicta. Also, to post a sign as per MMA's suggestion.

VOTE

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 12. Scheduling of Tax Appeal Hearing.

The County Administrator advised the County Commissioners that he had sent a letter to District Attorney Neale Adams concerning the NELP #2 Tax Appeal. He requested that this be tabled pending a response from the District Attorney's Office.

MOTION:

Motion by Paul J. Adams and seconded by Norman L. Fournier to table scheduling of the tax appeal hearing pending a response from the District Attorney's Office.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 13. Scheduling of August 2000 Commissioners' Meeting

The County Administrator requested that the August 2, 2000 Commissioners meeting be cancelled and that the August 16, 2000 meeting be rescheduled to Tuesday, August 15, 2000.

MOTION:

Motion by Pail J. Adams and Seconded by Norman L. Fournier to approve the cancellation of the August 2, 2000 Commissioners meeting and the rescheduling of the August 16, 2000 meeting to Tuesday, August 15, 2000.

VOTE:

Motion voted on and passed.

ART. 14. The County Administrator reported the following:

◆ Resignation of Custodian at Caribou Courthouse

The County Administrator advised the County Commissioners that Donna Gagnon, part-time Custodian at the Caribou Courthouse, has resigned due to finding full-time employment in Van Buren.

◆ DHS/AG/DA County of Aroostook Agreement for Child Protection/Child Support

The County Administrator advised the County Commissioners that the personnel in the District Attorney's office who handle DHS child protection matters would be vacating their offices on or about August 15th and would rent/lease space in downtown Caribou. This means that effective when they leave that the state will no longer reimburse the County for 50% of the DA's secretary in

STATE HIGHWAYS

SH NO.	RTE. NO.	LENGTH	RURAL	URBAN	LOCAL NAME OF ROAD
95	95	0.63	0.17		(North Section)
			0.46		Interstate (South Section)
95	(95S)	*(0.08)	*(0.08)		(Interstate - Southbound)
Total		0.63	0.63	0.00	Exit 57

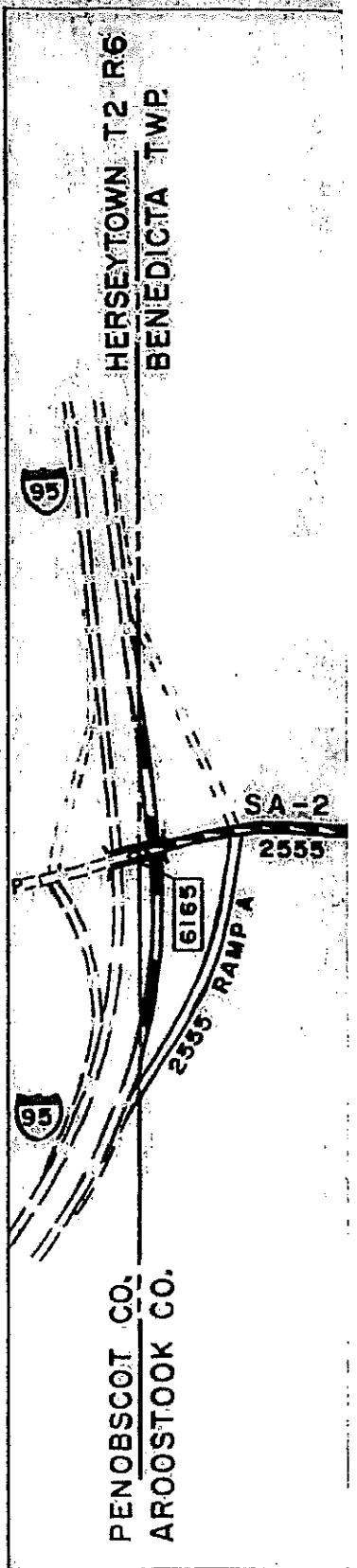
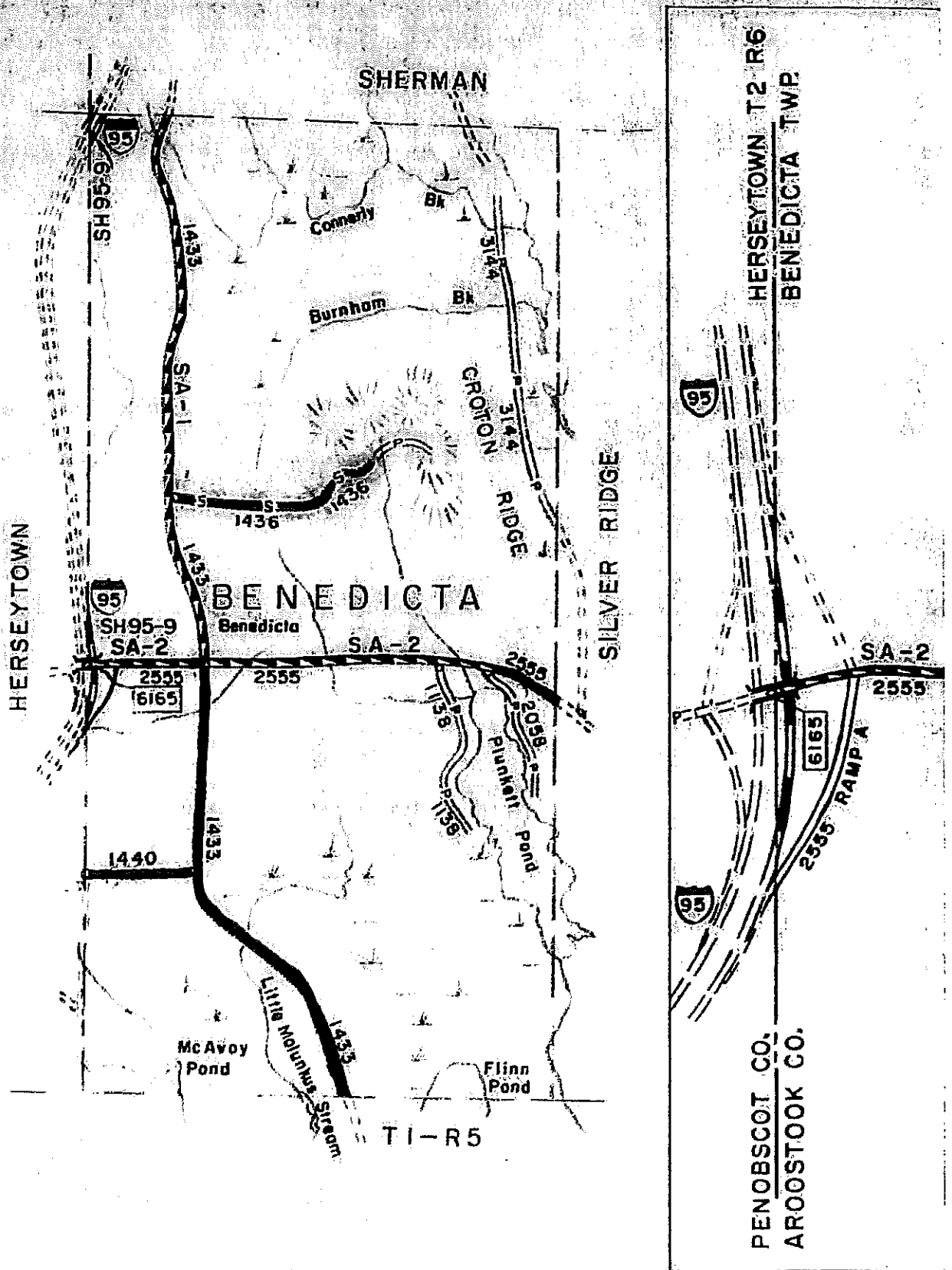
SH 95 Ramp 0.47
*Not Included in Totals

STATE AID HIGHWAYS

SA NO.	RTE. NO.	LENGTH	RURAL	URBAN	LOCAL NAME OF ROAD
1		3.81	3.81		Aroostook Rd or Main Rd (Benedicta Rd)
2		3.24	3.24		Pond Rd(E) and Casey Rd(W)
Total		7.05	7.05	0.00	

TOWN WAYS

TW NO.	LENGTH	RURAL	SEAS.	URBAN	LOCAL NAME OF ROAD
1433	3.28	3.28			Aroostook Rd or Molunkus Rd
1436	1.48		1.48		Mill Rd
1440	0.78	0.78			Sweeney Rd
Total	5.54	4.06	1.48	0.00	



Aroostook County Emergency Operations Plan

PROMULGATION DOCUMENT

Date: **September 15, 2021**

To all Recipients:

Transmitted herewith is the revised Emergency Operations Plan for Aroostook County. This plan supersedes any previous plans promulgated for this purpose. It provides a framework for the County to use in performing emergency functions before, during, and after a natural disaster, technological incident or a hostile attack, and also provides basic format for Local Community Emergency Operation Plans (EOP's).

This Emergency Operations Plan includes four phases of emergency management;

- (1) **Mitigation**; activities which eliminate or reduce the chance of occurrence or the effects of a disaster;
- (2) **Preparedness**; activities describing how to respond should an emergency or disaster occur and working to increase resources available to respond effectively;
- (3) **Response**; immediate activities which prevent loss of lives and property and provide emergency assistance; and
- (4) **Recovery**; short and long term activities which restore order and lifelines.

The Aroostook County Emergency Management Agency is responsible for the development and maintenance of the Aroostook County Emergency Operations Plan. This plan is in accordance with existing Federal and State statutes. It will be tested, revised, and updated as required. All recipients are requested to advise the Aroostook County Emergency Management Agency regarding recommendations for improvement.

The Emergency Operations Plan for Aroostook County has been reviewed and approved.

County Commissioner

Date

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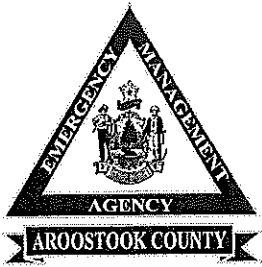
Date

County Administrator

Date

County EMA Director

Date



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TO: Ryan Pelletier, County Administrator
FROM: Darren R. Woods, EMA Director
RE: Updated Hazard Mitigation Plan
Date: 8 - 30 - 2021

Attached in my email is the link that will take you to the 2021 Aroostook County Hazard Mitigation Plan.

This is a regional plan that will benefit any community that chose to participate in the process. We contracted out part of the work and did some of it in our office. While it was challenging to complete during a pandemic, we did manage to complete it and keep our towns eligible for federal hazard mitigation funding. By creating this regional plan we also helped to reduce a great amount of work to our communities.

Most of the changes from the last version (this is done every 5 years) are minor updates and adjustments that FEMA was looking for and adjustments to projects that the towns felt were most important.

Let me know if you have questions.

AROOSTOOK COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN – 2021 Update

SECTION 2 PLAN ADOPTION

PLAN ADOPTION

Requirement: §201.6(c)(5): (The plan must include) documentation that the plan has been adopted by the governing body of the jurisdiction requesting approval (e.g. City Council, County Commissioner, Tribal Council). For multi-jurisdiction plans, each jurisdiction requesting approval of the plan must document that it has been formally adopted.

This plan is a multi-jurisdiction plan. Municipalities that participated in the preparation of this plan include the following (**Aroostook County participated on behalf of the Unorganized Territory within its boundaries**).

- Allagash, Town of
- Amity
- Ashland, Town of
- Aroostook Band of Micmacs
- Blaine, Town of
- Bridgewater, Town of
- Caribou, City of
- Castle Hill, Town of
- Caswell, Town of
- Chapman, Town of
- Crystal
- Cyr Plantation
- Dyer Brook, Town of
- Eagle Lake, Town of
- Easton, Town of
- Fort Fairfield, Town of
- Fort Kent, Town of
- Frenchville, Town of
- Garfield Plantation
- Grand Isle, Town of
- Hamlin, Town of
- Haynesville, Town of
- Hodgdon, Town of
- Houlton, Town of
- Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians
- Island Falls, Town of
- Limestone, Town of
- Linneus, Town of
- Littleton, Town of
- Ludlow
- Madawaska, Town of
- Merrill
- Mapleton, Town of
- Mars Hill, Town of
- Monticello, Town of
- New Limerick
- New Sweden, Town of
- Perham, Town of
- Portage Lake, Town of
- Presque Isle, City of
- Reed Plantation
- St. Agatha, Town of
- St. Francis, Town of
- St. John, Town of
- Sherman, Town of
- Stockholm
- Unorganized Territory
- Van Buren, Town of
- Wade, Town of
- Wallagrass, Town of
- Washburn, Town of
- Westfield, Town of
- Westmanland, Town of
- Weston, Town of
- Winterville Plantation
- Woodland, Town of

A copy of the resolution that will be adopted by each participating jurisdiction is shown below. Aroostook County Commissioners will adopt the resolution on behalf of the county and their portion of the Unorganized Territory within its boundaries.

AROOSTOOK COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN – 2021 Update

RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION

Whereas, natural and man-made disasters may occur at any time, we recognize that to lessen the impacts of these disasters we will save resources, property and lives in Aroostook County;

And whereas the creation of a Hazard Mitigation Plan is necessary for the development of a risk assessment and effective mitigation strategy;

And whereas, the cities, towns, plantations, and the Unorganized Territory within the boundaries of Aroostook County are committed to the mitigation goals and measures as presented in this plan;

Therefore, on behalf of the County and Unorganized Territory within its boundaries, the Aroostook County Commissioners hereby adopted the Aroostook County Hazard Mitigation Plan 2021 Update, and

Therefore, the City Councilors of the cities, Boards of Selectmen of towns and Boards of Assessors of the plantations hereby adopted the Aroostook County Hazard Mitigation Plan 2021 Update.

Therefore, the Tribal Council of the Aroostook Band of Micmacs and The Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, hereby adopts the Aroostook County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update.

AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES

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Aroostook County
Sheriff's Office

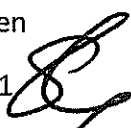
Shawn D. Gillen, Sheriff
Craig Holder, Chief Deputy

Patrol

Transportation

Corrections

Civil Process

To: County Administrator Ryan D. Pelletier
From: Sheriff Shawn Gillen
Date: September 3, 2021 
RE: Approval of one part-time dispatcher

Ryan:

I'm recommending the hiring of Sean Montpetit for part-time dispatch. Sean currently is working for Carroll's in Presque Isle and would like to work as needed in our dispatch. Sean has observed our dispatchers for several hours on his own time to see if this is something he could and would like to do. I believe this shows his commitment to learning the job and shows he is serious about being hired here.

I am requesting an agenda item at the County Commissioners' meeting on September 15, 2021 to provide the requisite statutory notification of this appointment, and to seek the Commissioners' approval.

If you have any questions, please let me know.



Aroostook County
Sheriff's Office


Shawn D. Gillen, Sheriff
Craig Holder, Chief Deputy

Patrol

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Civil Process

To: County Administrator Ryan D. Pelletier
From: Sheriff Shawn Gillen 
Date: September 3, 2021
RE: Approval of one full-time patrol deputy

Ryan:

Deputy Michael DeLana has resigned his position with the Aroostook County Sheriff's office. His resignation takes effect on October 1, 2021. To take his place I have appointed Jonathan Stewart, of Caribou, as a full-time Resident Deputy Sheriff, whose primary duties will be to patrol northern Aroostook County, Stewart's resume and application, are attached.

I am requesting an agenda item at the County Commissioners' meeting on September 15, 2021 to provide the requisite statutory notification of this appointment, and to seek the Commissioners' approval.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

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County Commissioner District Re-Apportionment Options

County Population: 67,105

Median: 22,368

5% High: 23,486

5% Low: 21,250

Option 1:

Fort Fairfield "North" to District 3; Fort Fairfield "South" retained by District 1. No change to District 2.

Result: Deviation – 5.865%

District 1: 22,978

District 2: 22,422

District 3: 21,705

Option 2:

Ashland, Masardis, Garfield to District 1; Fort Fairfield to District 2; Washburn and NW UT to District 3

Result: Deviation – 4.715%

District 1: 21,697

District 2: 22,720

District 3: 22,688

Option 3:

Central Aroostook Townships to District 2; Masardis, Garfield & NW UT to District 3

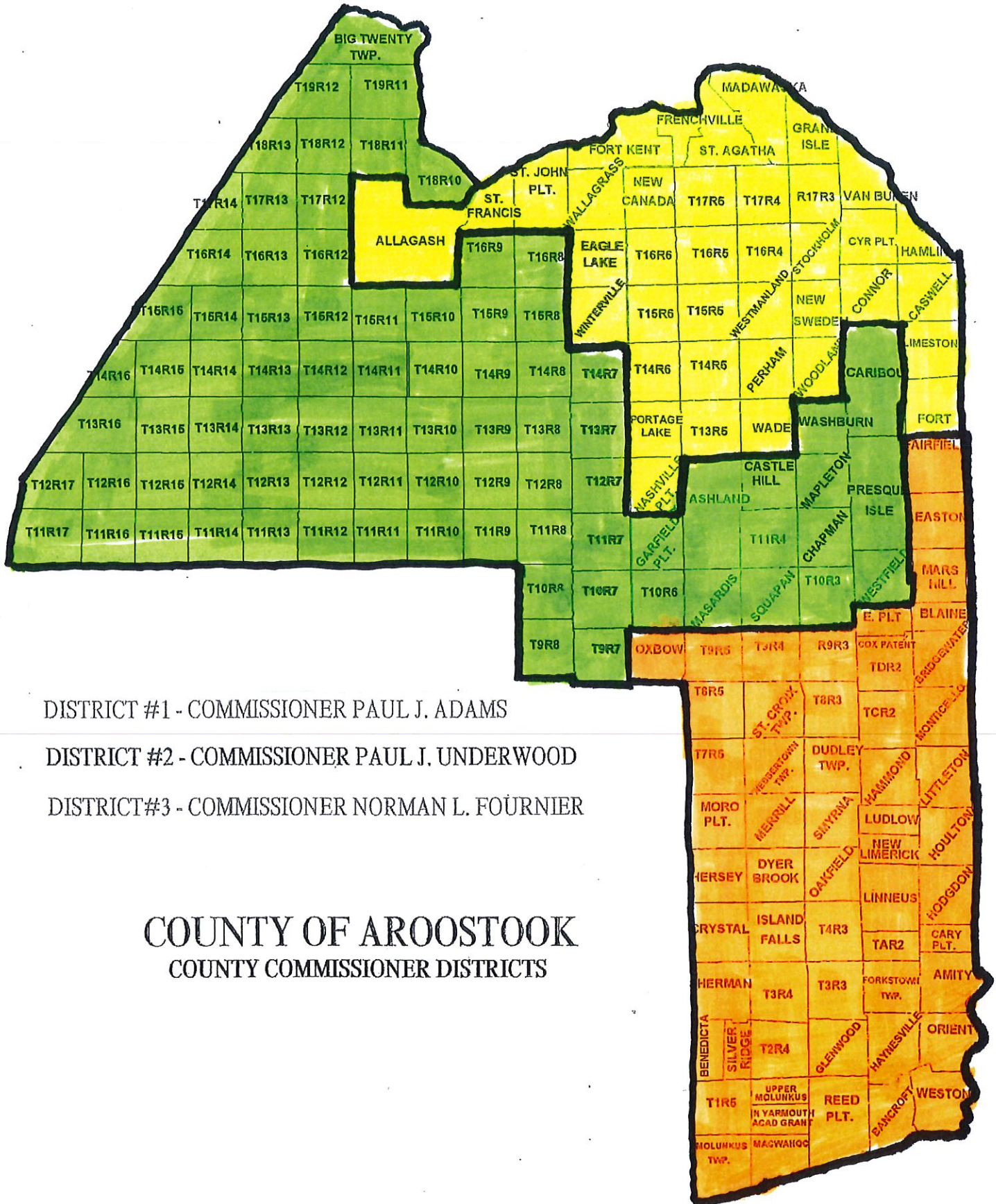
Result: Deviation – 8.981%

District 1: 23,370

District 2: 22,127

District 3: 21,444

OPTION # 1



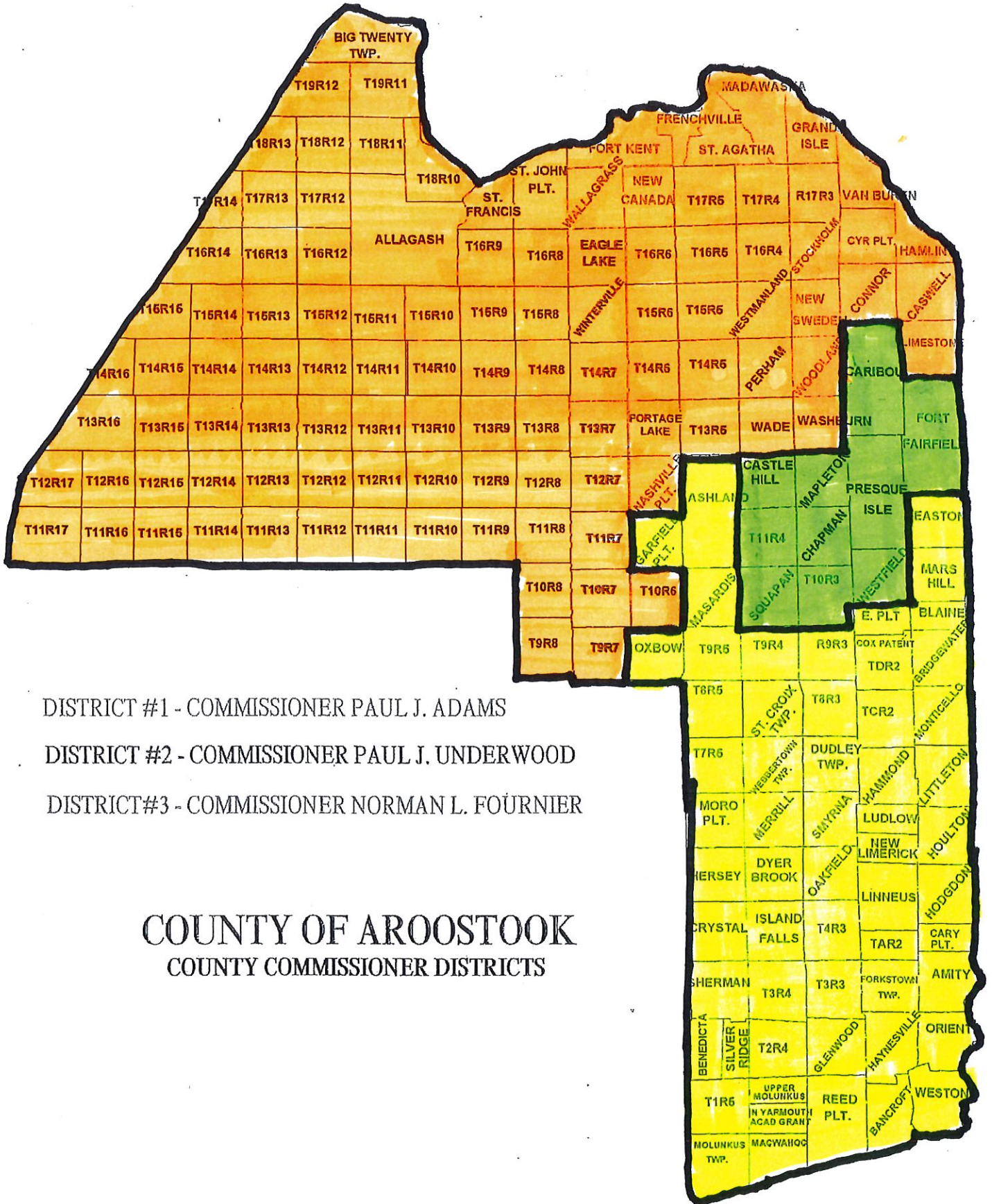
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OPTION # 2



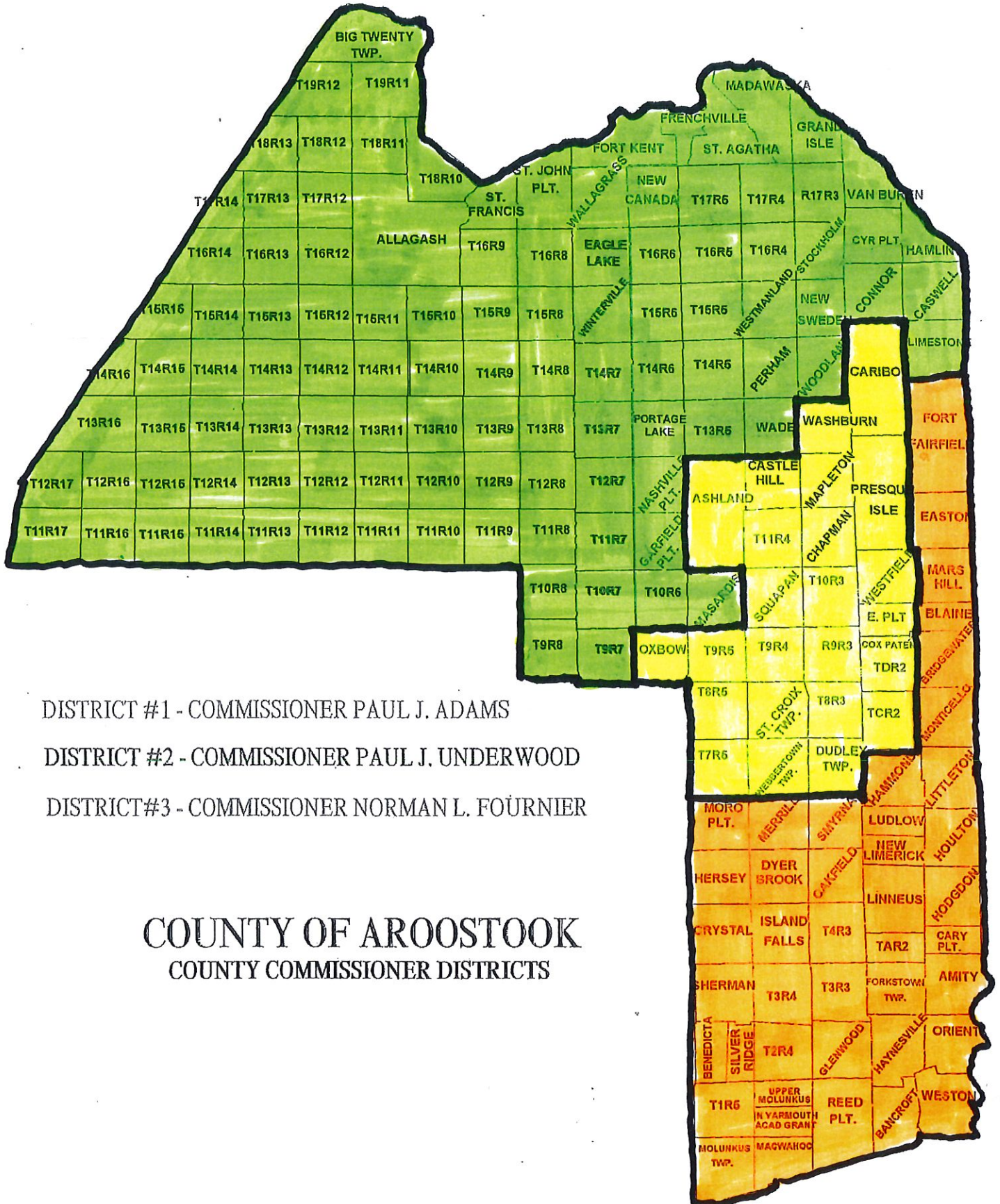
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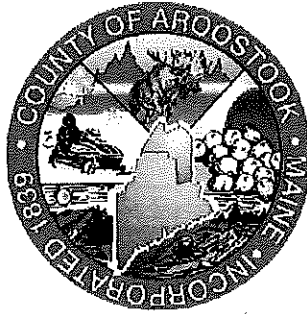
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- DISTRICT #3 - COMMISSIONER NORMAN L. FOURNIER

COUNTY OF AROOSTOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICTS



NOTICE OF VACANCY

Aroostook County Finance Committee Member

The County of Aroostook has one vacancy on its elected Finance Committee. Pursuant to the Aroostook County Charter, vacancies occurring on the Finance Committee shall be filled by the committee, subject to confirmation by a majority of the Board, for the balance of the unexpired term. Preference will be given to a resident of the same municipality/UT of the person who most recently held the office. If a suitable candidate is not found in the incumbent municipality, the County reserves the right to appoint an individual from one of the other communities comprising the Area within the District where the vacancy occurs.

The following is the vacancy:

District 3, Area 8: Eagle Lake for a term to expire December 31, 2022.

Other communities within District 3, Area 8 include:

Allagash, Eagle Lake, Frenchville, Nashville Plantation, New Canada, New Sweden, Perham, Portage Lake, St. Agatha, St. Francis, St. John Plantation, Stockholm, Wade, Wallagrass, Westmanland, Winterville Plantation and the unorganized territories of Cross Lake, Sinclair and Square Lake.

To be considered for appointment, interested and qualified residents of these municipalities/unorganized territory should submit their name and contact information to Ryan D. Pelletier, County Administrator before September 8, 2021 by email at ryan@aroostook.me.us or by calling 207-493-3318.

For more information regarding the Finance Committee, roles and duties, please visit the County Charter page on the Aroostook County website or contact the County Administrator at ryan@aroostook.me.us or by calling 207-493-3318.
