

BUCKSPORT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
7:00 P.M., THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2016
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS – BUCKSPORT TOWN OFFICE
AGENDA

1. **Call Meeting To Order**
2. **Roll Call**
 - a. Legislative Update – Representative Campbell
3. **Presentation of any Town Council Recognitions – None**
4. **Consider minutes of previous meetings - None**
5. **Receive and review correspondence and documents**
 - a. State Revenue Services letter establishing new valuation re: Sudden & Severe application
6. **Public Hearings**
7. **New Ordinances to Consider/Introduce**
8. **Discussion Items (Manager Clarification and Direction, or Council Discussion and/or Input on Issues)**
 - a. Presentation of Gratitude and Friendship to the Town of Bucksport by Sherri L. Mitchell, Penobscot Nation, Indigenous Land Rights Attorney
 - b. Request for the Town Council to support the Community & Economic Development Department support of a regional food hub
 - c. Economic Development Committee Recommendation related to an electronic sign on the Town CSO building for the Wednesdays on Main program
9. **Agenda Items**
 - a. Vote on Ballot for Bucksport Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors
 - b. Resolve # R 2016-50 to approve letter for support of regional food hub from Community & Economic Development
10. **Resignations, Appointments, Assignments, and Elections**
11. **Approval of Quit Claims, Discharges, and Deeds**
12. **Town Manager Report**
13. **Set Public Hearings, and/or Hold Public Hearings and Approval of any Licenses or Permits**
14. **Discussion of Items Not on the Agenda for Council and Public**
15. **Upcoming Public Hearings, Designation of Topics for Committee Assignment, and Scheduling of Committee Meeting**
 - a. Schedule Solid Waste Committee Meetings with PERC & MRC for Post-2018 Solid Waste disposal options
16. **Agenda Items Requiring Executive Sessions**
17. **Adjournment**



Lessard, Susan <slessard@bucksportmaine.gov>

Sudden & Severe - Bucksport

16 messages

Rogers, Michael <Michael.Rogers@maine.gov> Mon, Feb 15, 2016 at 9:44 AM
To: "Beardsley, Bill" <Bill.Beardsley@maine.gov>, "Beaudoin, Suzan" <Suzan.Beaudoin@maine.gov>, "Gravelle, Paula B" <Paula.B.Gravelle@maine.gov>
Cc: "jfitzgerald@bucksportmaine.gov" <jfitzgerald@bucksportmaine.gov>, "Susan Lessard (slessard@bucksportmaine.gov)" <slessard@bucksportmaine.gov>

Dear Mr. Beardsley, Ms. Beaudoin & Ms. Gravelle,

The Town of Bucksport has filed a qualified request for sudden & severe in accordance with 36 MRSA § 208-A (2). The town has satisfactorily demonstrated to Maine Revenue Service that a disruption in municipal valuation has occurred which warrants this notice. See attached.

On the behalf of the State Tax Assessor please be advised that an equalized net reduction of \$242,500,000 is in order to properly reflect the status of sanctioned loss in valuation. This adjustment should impact the impending FY 2016-2017 (FY17) along with pertinent future cycles for the purposes of calculating distribution of education funding in accordance with Title 20-A, Chapter 606-B.

	Certified State Valuation	S&S Adjustment	Adjusted #
2013	681,300,000	(242,500,000)	438,800,000
2014	668,950,000	(242,500,000)	426,450,000
2015	667,350,000	(242,500,000)	424,850,000
2016	673,000,000	(242,500,000)	430,500,000

Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter. Should you have any immediate concerns please do not hesitate to contact directly.

Regards,

Mike Rogers

Supervisor, Municipal Services

Maine Revenue Service

Property Tax Division

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Cell (207) 592-2162

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Rogers, Michael <Michael.Rogers@maine.gov>

Mon, Feb 15, 2016 at 10:46 AM

To: "Hayes, Terry" <Terry.Hayes@maine.gov>, "Chetkauskas, Jeff" <Jeff.Chetkauskas@maine.gov>

Cc: "jfitzgerald@bucksportmaine.gov" <jfitzgerald@bucksportmaine.gov>, "Susan Lessard (slessard@bucksportmaine.gov)" <slessard@bucksportmaine.gov>, "Philbrick, Nichole M." <nichole.m.philbrick@maine.gov>

Dear Ms. Hayes & Mr. Chetkauskas,

The Town of Bucksport has filed a qualified request for sudden & severe in accordance with 36 MRSA § 208-A (2). The town has satisfactorily demonstrated to Maine Revenue Service that a disruption in municipal valuation has occurred which warrants this notice. See attached.

On the behalf of the State Tax Assessor please be advised that an equalized net reduction of **\$242,500,000** is in order to properly reflect the status of sanctioned loss in valuation. This adjustment will impact the impending FY 17 (2016-2017) cycle for the purposes of calculating distribution of Revenue Sharing in accordance with Title 30-A, Subpart 9,

Chapter 223, Subchapter 2, § 5681.

	Certified State Valuation	S&S Adjustment	Adjusted #
2016	673,000,000	(242,500,000)	430,500,000

Note: MRS/Property Tax Division intends on incorporating the foregoing adjustment accordingly in the upcoming FY 17 data for your review.

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Lessard, Susan <slessard@bucksportmaine.gov>

Tue, Feb 16, 2016 at 7:11 AM

Food Hub Definitions

A regional Food Hub is a business or organization that actively manages the aggregation, distribution and marketing of source-identified food products primarily from local and regional producers to strengthen their ability to satisfy wholesale, retail and institutional demand.

United States Department of Agriculture

Food Hubs exist to strengthen regional food systems. The term “food hub” emerged in the last decade to describe alternative food aggregation, distribution, and processing enterprises that began developing or expanding within regions across the country. These entities sought to fill gaps in infrastructure to move food from farms to consumers within the same region.

...all food hubs create impact on the food system by promoting greater producer and supply diversity, supporting young and beginning farmers, building infrastructure and systems to make local food accessible to consumers and to make larger markets accessible to farmers, stimulating economic growth.

Wholesome Wave

Food Hubs bring to farmer networks, food safety protocols, and logistics and marketing strengths. Buyers identify assets and opportunities, from receiving to merchandising, for fitting the small-farm aggregators and their diverse product lines into supply chains. These partnerships are delivering trust to the consumer, and the consistency and safety the market demands. They are building business models for scaling up the supply of local food with the attributes consumers want.

Wallace Center

Food hubs offer an exciting bridge between food producers and consumers, providing a mutually beneficial relationship across both ends of the food system.

Healthy Food Access.org

Food Hubs work with producers, offering technical assistance, training, and business development strategies so they can consistently produce food and access wholesale and retail markets. Food hubs might provide liability insurance, provide processing and packaging facilities, or offer food safety, sustainable development of business training.

Food hubs work with institutional buyers who purchase food for institutions or retail outlets: identifying their purchasing needs and connecting them to regional producers.

Food hubs work with end consumers: measuring the demand for regionally produced food and increasing awareness of regional food production. Examples of efforts tailored toward consumers include community events, educational workshops, composting programs, and food bank donations.

Washtenaw Food Hub

From the Regional Food Hub Resource Guide

- Food Hub producers (farmers) have reported that they have increased their farm sales by an average of 25% since working with the hub, and 60% reported they plan to increase production.
- Many food hubs try to- and generally do – pay higher prices to producers than they would receive in non-differentiated wholesale markets.
- By offering producers larger sales volumes, more stable sources of income, and higher returns, food hubs provide opportunities for producers to expand and diversify production, which often translates into increased profitability and the longer term viability of farm operations.
- Food hubs provide a number of services and activities that drive social and environmental improvements within the communities in which they reside. These include training and professional development for those interested in pursuing or expanding agricultural careers, increasing availability of fresh healthy food sold in retail and institutional markets, and promoting the adoption or use of sustainable or environmentally sound agricultural production practices.
- Many food hubs increase access to healthy and affordable local foods, especially for people with low, or limited incomes.
- Many food hubs reduce energy use and waste in their operations (through recycling, composting and energy-saving programs).
- Because food hubs serve as intermediaries between producers and wholesale markets, they reduce the number of trips producers take to deliver products to buyers, saving fuel and money.
- Food Hubs promote farm viability, consumer health, environmental stewardship, community and economic development, inviting families of all ages and businesses to join in growing a healthy community.

USDA 2012 Farm Census

([www.agcensus.usda.gov/Publications/2012/Full_Report/Volume 1, Chapter 2 County Level/
Maine/](http://www.agcensus.usda.gov/Publications/2012/Full_Report/Volume_1,_Chapter_2_County_Level/Maine/))

	Hancock			Waldo		
#Farms	404			633		
Avg.Size	132 acres			206 acres		
Median Size	50 acres			70 acres		
Land & Buildings Estimated Market Value	\$444,959			\$384,874		
Value/Acre	\$3369			\$1865		
 Farms by Size						
1-9 acres	68			59		
10-49 acres	134	50%		204	42%	
50-179 acres	126		81%	220		76%
180-499 acres	56			128		
500-999 acres	11			15		
1000 or more	9			7		
 Farms by Value Of Sales						
< \$2500	142			289		
\$2500-4999	43			84		
\$5000-9999	63			76	71%	
\$10,000-24,999	62	79%		68		82%
\$25,000-49,999	31			41		
\$50,000-99,999	25			34		
\$100,000 >	28			41		

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TO: BUCKSPORT TOWN COUNCIL
FR: RICH ROTELLA
DA: FEBRUARY 23, 2016
RE: ELECTRONIC SIGN DISCUSSION

Good evening. The Economic Development Committee has taken its last two meetings to discuss a proposed electronic sign in the Town of Bucksport located on the CSO building at Veterans' Memorial. Paula Kee, chairwoman of the Wednesday on Main group, was able to secure a \$5,000 grant from the Maine Community Foundation towards the cost of the sign. After our first meeting, the group had questions that it needed answers to before they would make their recommendation to the Town Council. I was able to get answers for all of the questions the committee had which were:

Question: Would the sign be a distraction for motorists?

Response: Chief Geagan, Bucksport PD, says there have been no accidents because of the electronic signs located at the Alamo Theater, Seaboard Federal Credit Union or at Bucksport High School.

Question: What is the DOT permitting process?

Response: Chip Kelley, Right of Way Control Technician Traffic Division MaineDOT, says that DOT doesn't permit on-premises signs.

Question: What will it cost to run the sign?

Response: Jim Boothby, Superintendent RSU 25, says it costs close to \$700 for the year.

Question: Who will manage the content on the sign?

Response: Paula Kee, Wednesday on Main, says either Chris Grindle or Rich Rotella.

Question: Who manages RSU 25 sign and where do they manage it from?

Response: Jim Boothby says that Jane Marston changes the sign at her office on Mechanic St.

Question: Can we gain revenue by selling advertising space on the sign?

Response: Chip Kelley says that the sign may not advertise any business names or locations, advertising of that type would constitute illegal, off-premises advertising.

Question: Will the sign be installed on the face of the building or on the roof?

Response: Chip Kelley says that initially, both of these locations seem to be fine. If the sign is to be located on the ground, the right of way at the location will need to be considered.

Question: What happens to the \$5,000 grant?

Response: Paula Kee says that she will check with the Maine Community Foundation about reallocating the funds. If she is not able to reallocate the funds they will need to be returned to MCF.

Question: What will the Town's cost be for the purchase of the sign?

Response: Please see the attached 3 quotes.

Question: What is the purpose of the sign?

Response: Please see attached email from Paula Kee dated January 26, 2016.

The committee members present at the February 9, 2016, Economic Development Committee meeting unanimously declined to support the purchase of the electronic sign.

January 26, 2016

Good morning, Rich, and members of the Economic Development Committee:

You have been, and will be discussing the merits of installing an electronic sign atop the town owned water treatment building overlooking the Veterans' Memorial, and because this idea was generated by the Wednesday On Main grant from the Maine Community Foundation, which includes \$5,000.00 to be applied to the cost of this sign, I wanted to share a little more information with you.

The primary purpose of this sign is to bring traffic into our Town, a first step in marketing. The sign, in its proposed position, would be highly visible to traffic approaching Bucksport from Verona Island as well as traffic approaching from the Hannaford side of the intersection. The sign can be configured in a Vee shape, ie, two signs, to insure that these potential visitors can clearly read and absorb the information they are seeing. That information, in addition to the announcement of Wednesday On Main events, should include information about ALL events in Bucksport, all year long, and should also be used to post information from the Town - council meetings and the like, and safety information, too. I do not believe any other location would offer as much exposure. This building already has Wi-Fi, so that is one less expense for installation.

Three bids have been obtained and have been given to Sue Lessard and Rich, and now to you for your astute review.

Wednesday On Main's mission, which is the primary focus in the Grant application mentioned above, is to promote Bucksport on many levels. By bringing people into Town for our summer events, we accomplish several goals: we bring business to our Main Street merchants and restaurants; people see first-hand our downtown and waterfront areas; we distribute information at each event (Visitor's Guide) listing many local businesses that would be of use to someone relocating to Bucksport; attendees see The Alamo, the fabulous Marina, our Schoodic sculpture and more. Our events also make people very happy - we generate a lot of good will and lift spirits, and that keeps people enthused about getting involved in the many efforts in place to move Bucksport forward.

Wednesday On Main will return in 2016, fully funded by Darling's, Inc., in Bangor, and at each event we will hand out, along with a Visitor's Guide, a flyer about Bucksport, citing our many assets - reasonable costs of housing, improved school system, our Industrial Park, sound financial position of the Town, our walking trails, the waterfront, etc. - all the things we know and love about our Town that we need to promote to encourage new residential and commercial growth. I plan to make this flyer available to any group and any event for use as a handout, and will be consulting with Rich and Sue to be sure we cover all the bases. We are able to pay for this flyer due to our strong financial position going into the 2016 season - and the Town and its support last year was a critical part of our success. Thank you all.

I believe the electronic sign is an excellent marketing tool. Agreed, there is a minimal operating cost per year, and someone must do the actual work of programming the sign regularly, but personally, I think these are reasonable costs for the benefits.

Thank you so much.

Paula Kee, Chair
Wednesday On Main



Paula Kee <bucksportwom@gmail.com>

Quote and sketch for new EMC sign

Lee White <lee@bangorneon.com>
To: bucksportwom@gmail.com

Wed, Feb 11, 2015 at 5:36 PM

Good afternoon Paula,

I have attached a sketch showing a monochrome and full color electronic message sign on the roof of your building.

The prices are shown under ea. option. I hope you are pleasantly surprised at the cost. I had the wrong pricing when

I spoke to you earlier today.

Paula thank you for the opportunity to quote these for you. Please feel free to call or email anytime with questions.

Always a pleasure,

Lee White

Bangor Neon, Inc.
1567 Hammond St.
Bangor, Maine 04401

207-947-2766
1-800-639-7103



www.bangorneon.com



EMC Sign options.pdf

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Paula Kee <buckspowom@gmail.com>

Quote and revised sketch for new EMC

Lee White <lee@bangorneon.com>
To: buckspowom@gmail.com

Tue, Dec 8, 2015 at 2:22 PM

Good afternoon Paula,

Attached to is a revised sketch showing a snow plow arrangement for a new EMC display.

The cost for a full color sign with snow plow bracket installed would be \$22,823.57.

The cost for a monochrome (one color) unit with snow plow bracket installed would be \$18,522.00.

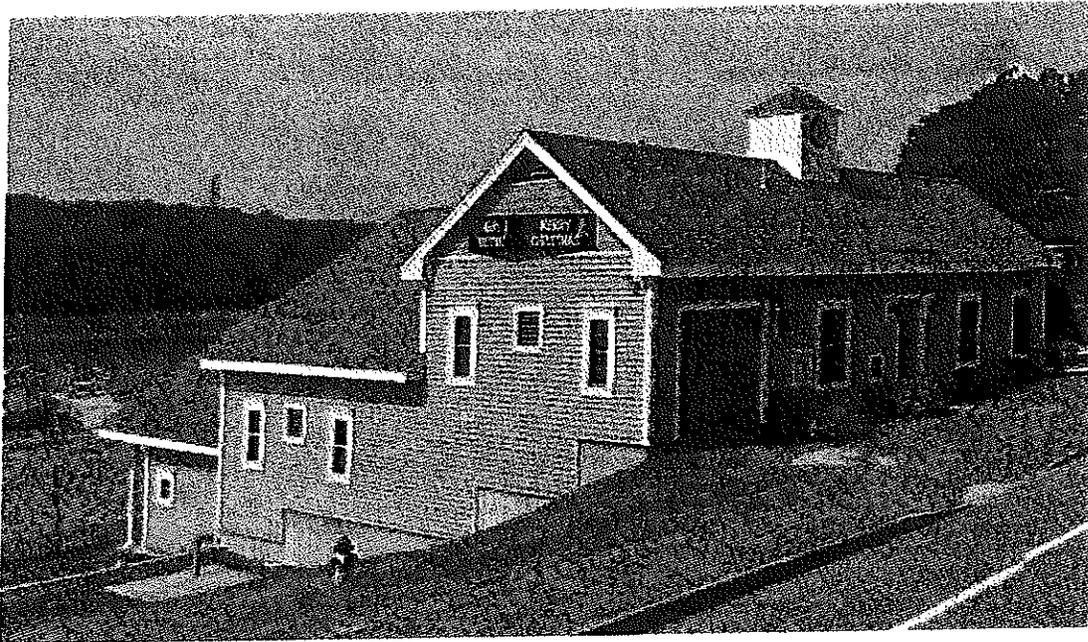
Paula thanks for the opportunity to quote this for you. Please feel free to call or email me with any questions you may have.

I will be out of the office tomorrow the 9th. You can call Joel though. His cell number 745-4410.

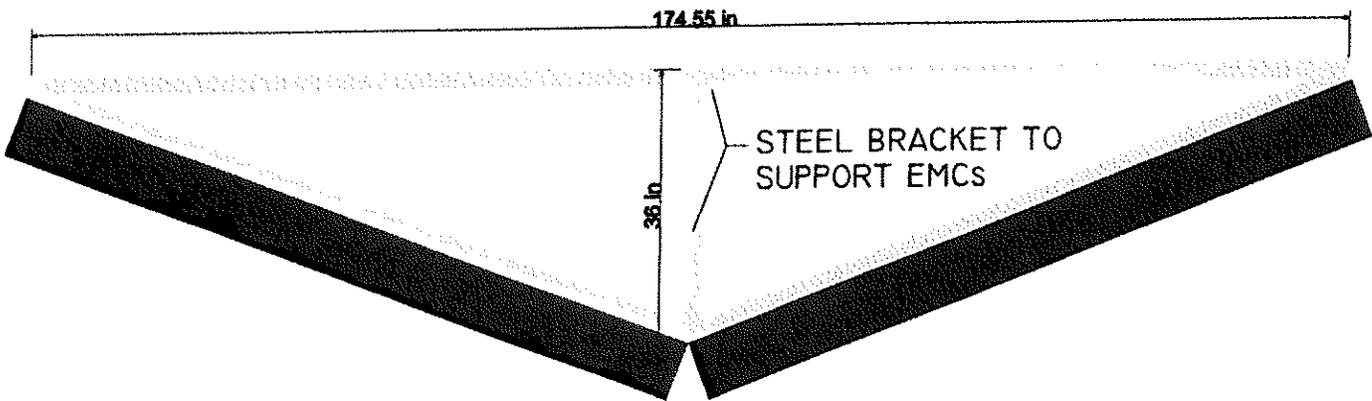
Always a pleasure,

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ADD APPROX
650" for
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20 MM ELECTRONIC MESSAGE CENTER
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Snow Plow mounted EMCs.pdf
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Paula Kee <bucksportwom@gmail.com>

Sign for the Town of Bucksport

rob@neokraft.com <rob@neokraft.com>
Reply-To: rob@neokraft.com
To: Paula Kee <bucksportwom@gmail.com>

Wed, Dec 9, 2015 at 9:56 AM

Hi Paula.

Because you have interest in a cloud-based sign for the Town of Bucksport, I have been having conversations with Courtney Foley, VP of Sales for Cirrus-LED Systems. Over the past 2-years, we've been selling a lot of their Electronic Message Displays for a couple of reasons including the fact that they have a reliable cloud-based system, allowing the user to create, edit and schedule content from any internet connected device. They recently opened an office in Portland and provide training to all of their customers.

In looking at the particular install location (Roof mount) we are of the opinion that a 3' x 8' 16mm sign would allow for better overall clarity than the sign specs that you forwarded to me from the other company, which is 2'-9" x 7'-10" and 20mm. As an example, I have included a visual showing the difference in clarity between a 20mm sign and that of a 16mm sign.

I will be forwarding you a formal quote on letterhead but for now I will provide you with some figures to consider:

Single-color Double-sided sign: Cirrus
3' feet tall x 8' feet wide 15.25mm (display matrix= 60 x 160)

Sign \$17,254.43
Install \$1,320
Mobilization/Travel \$1,305.07
Total \$19,879.50

Full-Color Double-sided sign: Cirrus
3' feet tall x 8' feet wide 16mm (display matrix= 54 x 144)

Sign \$23,981.43
Install \$1,320
Mobilization/Travel \$1,305.07
Total \$26,606.50

Both signs come standard with embedded wifi and one wireless access point. 5-year warranty, Training provided by Cirrus. In the meantime, please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Regards,

Rob

Rob Mainville
Neokraft Signs Inc.
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207-782-9654 ext. 226
(M) 207-576-4204

rob@neokraft.com

> -----Original Message-----

> From: Paula Kee <bucksportwom@gmail.com>

> To: rob@neokraft.com

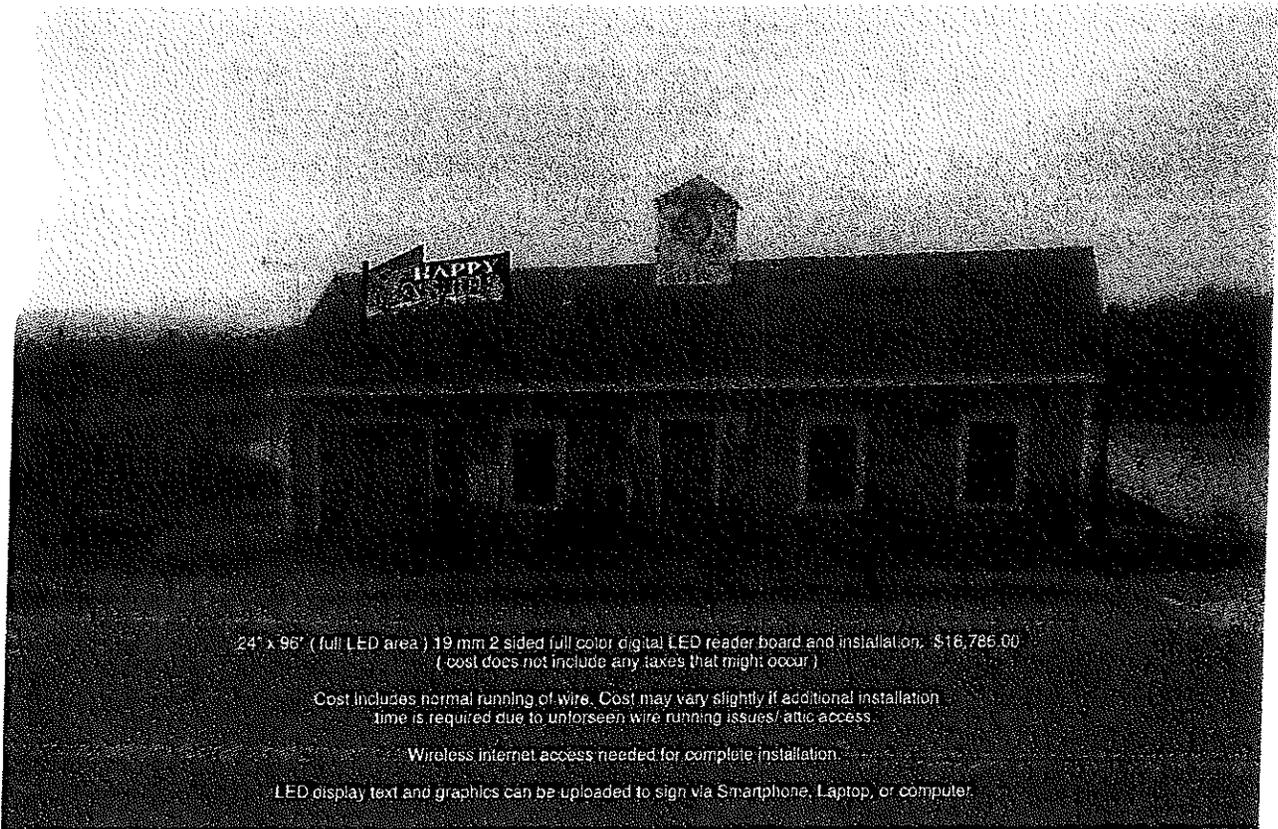
> Cc: Gary Moulton <gary.moulton@rsu25.org>

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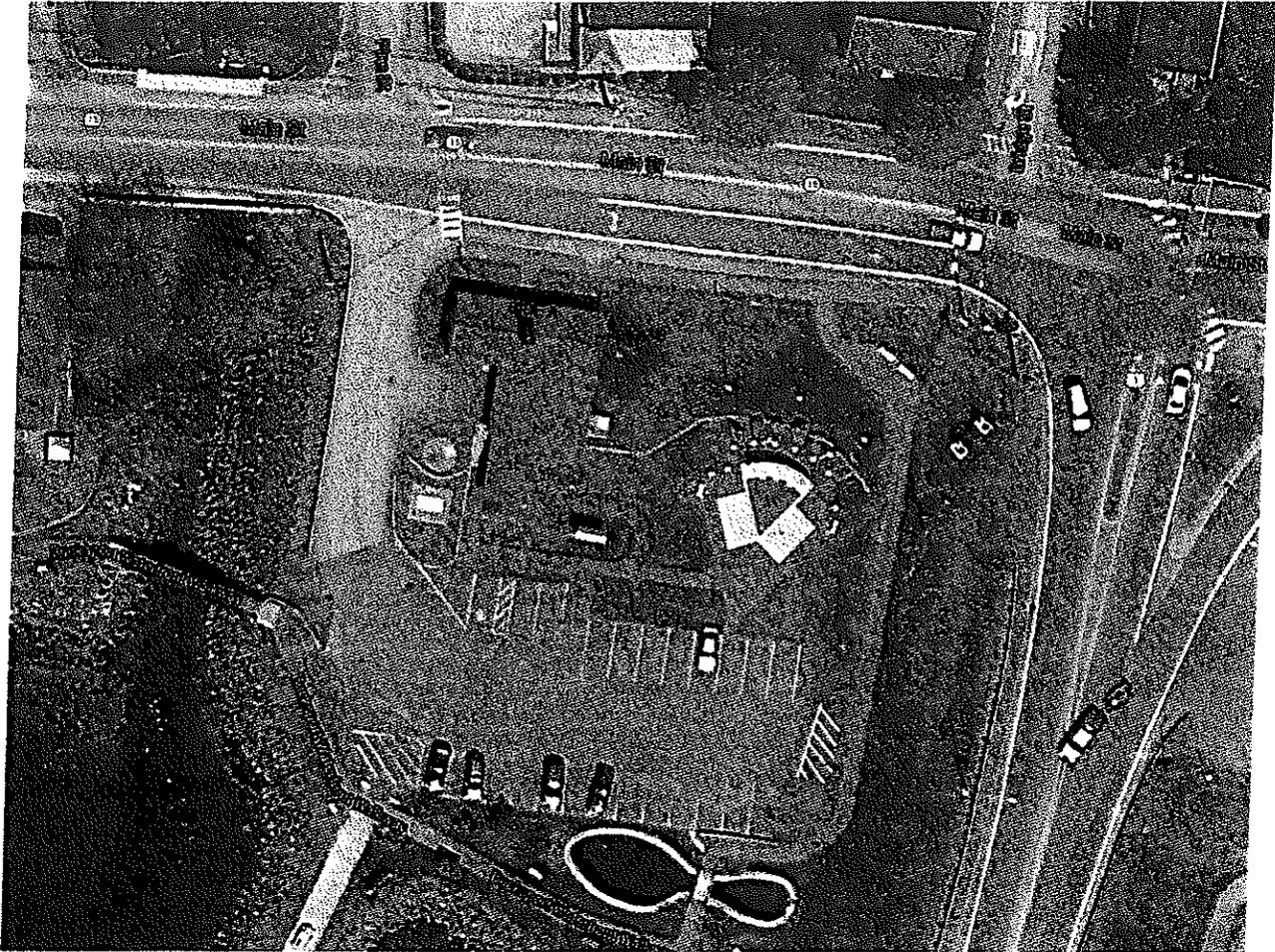
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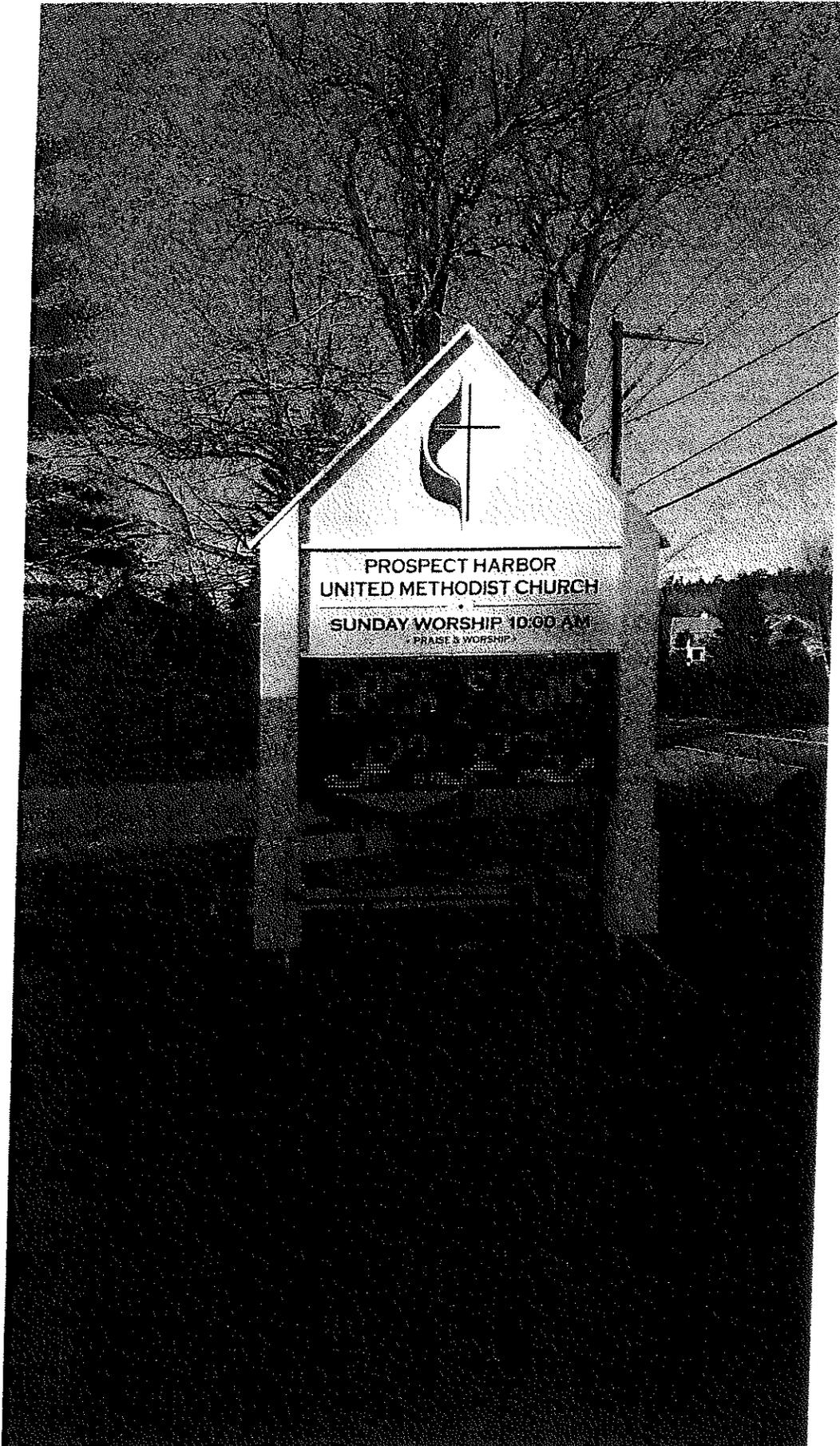
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Bucksport electronic sign quote

Sierra Signs <sierrasigns@roadrunner.com>
To: Paula Kee <bucksportwom@gmail.com>

Tue, Dec 8, 2015 at 12:14 PM

Paula,

I wanted to email you this pic of the job we are just finishing up on in Prospect Harbor. It's a cheaper , more simple LED sign Aaron and I installed for them but the Impact the LED signs have is quite impressive. (the pic was taken in mid scroll so it looks weird) The sign itself is 100% PVC material (no paint or wood)and came out really nice.

Todd

Sierra Signs & Designs

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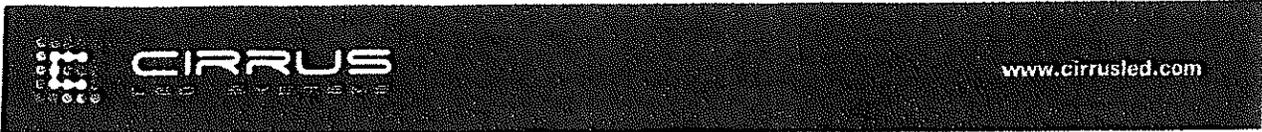
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From: Paula Kee [mailto:bucksportwom@gmail.com]

Sent: Thursday, December 03, 2015 1:24 PM

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- Outdoor / water-proof design
- Full color LED panels
- Built-in power supply
- Frames and panels mate and lock with each other allowing for unlimited rectangular configurations of 12' x 24'
- 19 / 16 / 12mm Pixel Pitch
- Web-based control interface
- High efficiency - Low power consumption
- 5 year warranty

Modularity: The frame of the one-by-two feet Blade System Panels contains a hex head bolt- interlocking system that can be configured into any size or shape quick and easily. These off-the-shelf panels are safety approved for use around the globe and stocked for **same-day shipment!**

Status & Control: Our "Cloud" interface allows you to create, edit, and schedule content from any internet connected device (including smart phones & tablets). Add dynamic content such as weather, sports scores, financial data, or social media feeds. Upload photos and video to our full-featured editor to add vitality to your display.

Rear view of the Blade Module



LED Panel shown with Frame Attached

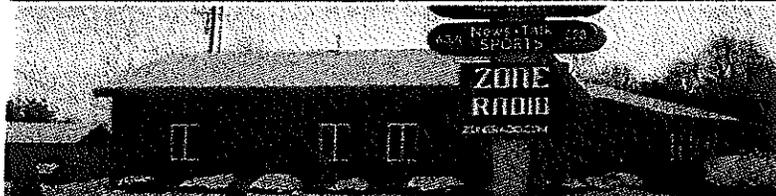
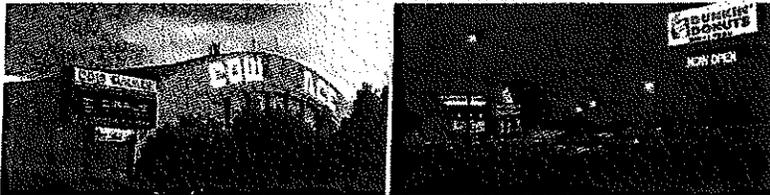
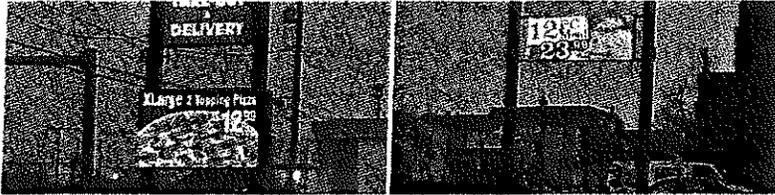
PRODUCT DIMENSIONS (with frame attached)	
Width	24"
Height	12"
Depth	4-1/4"



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LED DISPLAY EXAMPLES





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Bucksport electronic sign quote

Sierra Signs <sierrasigns@roadrunner.com>
To: Paula Kee <bucksportwom@gmail.com>

Tue, Dec 8, 2015 at 4:30 PM

Arial view to get a better idea of the desired angle.

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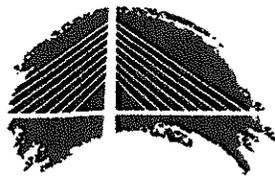
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Bucksport town of LED sign layout c.jpg
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Bucksport Bay Area Chamber of Commerce

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2016 BOARD OF DIRECTORS – ELECTION BALLOT

The Bucksport Bay Area Chamber of Commerce's Nominating Committee has submitted the following members to fill the open positions on the Bucksport Bay Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors effective March 2016 for a three-year term. The members whose names appear below have been duly qualified and indicated a willingness to serve.

There are currently five (5) seats available on the board and 9 nominees listed below. Please mark your vote in the space provided for only five (5) candidates. You may write in someone's name you know would serve on the board. You may also enter your name if this is of interest to you.

Once you have completed the ballot, please return it to the Bucksport Bay Area Chamber by Friday, March 11, 2016. Nominees to serve a three-year term on the Board of Directors:

**See attached Bio information on the candidates

PLEASE SELECT FIVE (5) CANDIDATES

- Roxanne Jobe, A&J Motorcycle Safety School
- Andy Lacher, BookStacks
- Gay Dion, The Good Kettle
- Jim Gunning, The Bridge Church
- Veronica Magnan, Sandy Point Community Club & Sandy Point Congregational Church
- Rebecca Emery, Reclaimed Maine
- Eric Woodbury, Woodbury Law, LLC
- Jennifer Davenport, Bangor Savings Bank
- Mike Malenfant, Orland Community Center
- Write In _____

**YOUR BALLOT MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE CHAMBER OFFICE
NO LATER THAN 3:00 PM ON FRIDAY, MARCH 11, 2016.**

You may mail your ballot to Bucksport Bay Area Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 1676, Bucksport, ME 04416; or drop it off at the Chamber office, 52 Main Street, Bucksport. You could also scan and email this form to office@bucksportbaychamber.com

NOTE: Office hours are Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 9:00am to 3:00pm.

Roxanne Jobe

Roxanne is the current Board chair of the Chamber and enjoys being involved in Bucksport also serving on the Main Street Bucksport group and Bucksport Heart and Soul. Roxanne recently retired as Branch Manager for Bangor Savings Bank prior to that her career involved business and community development. She and her Husband own A&J Motorcycle Safety School and live in Bucksport with their two mini labradoodles.

Andy Lacher

Owner of BookStacks in Bucksport. Andy opened BookStacks in 1997, having worked for Mr Paperback and Magazines Inc. for 13 years. Married to the prettiest girl in town.

Gay Dion

I was brought up in Rhode Island and owned and operated Lundwall Machine Company in Cranston, RI for 22 years. I then relocated to Maine in 2002 and volunteered in many local community efforts. I founded the Lighthouse Scholarship Fund. Currently, I am the owner and president of The Good Kettle in Stockton Springs and have been for the past 7 years.

Jim Gunning

Jim Gunning lives in East Holden and is the Pastor of The Bridge Church, a new church that was started in Bucksport in March of 2015. The Bridge is committed to the idea that people from all walks of life the Bucksport Bay region can , in a single faith community, experience positive, personal and practical life-change while helping build healthy and vibrant towns and villages. Jim has been married to Anne Gunning for 35 years. Two children, Sarah & Emily. Two grandchildren, Elijah and Silas.

Veronica Magnan

I am an educator. I have a doctorate in Policy, Planning and Administration from Boston University and I have a Bachelor's Degree in History, Languages and Social Studies and a Master's Degree in Education from Rhode Island College.

As an educator I was an elementary school teacher working in grades Kindergarten through 5th. I was an elementary school principal, a federal program coordinator, superintendent of schools, college instructor in management and marketing and school board director in MSAD 56 Searsport. I still do work as a consultant for educational issues.

I live in the Sandy Point village of Stockton Springs. I served on the town Budget Committee for 5 years. I also served as the Maine State Representative to the 124th Legislature for the former District 41 which included Searsport, Stockton Springs, Prospect, Verona Island and Orland.

I have a website and until I was setback by illness last year, had started writing blogs. I have resumed writing and will be publishing a series about my ordeal with illness last year. They will be issued starting in March. I serve on the Board of Directors for the Sandy Point Community Club and am the moderator for the Church Committee of the Sandy Point Congregational Church as well as the Sunday school teacher. I also do community notification and publicity for events for both of these groups. It was at my suggestion that we joined the Bucksport Chamber of Commerce and the Head of the Bay organizations.

My family and I spend summers going back and forth to our campsite on Toddy Pond where we enjoy fishing and water sports as well as camping. My husband and I travel when we can and attend the sports events of our grandsons. I have spent all of my adult life in public service in one way or another. I would like to resume my service to the Sandy Point and the Bucksport Bay area as a member of the board of the Bucksport Bay Chamber of Commerce.

Rebecca Emery

Rebecca Emery is a Rhode Island native who lives in Stockton Springs, Maine by glorious choice. Spending most of her adult life travelling the world with her career military husband and son she has been afforded many opportunities to grow her experience. While in Germany, Rebecca worked for the Dept. of the Army as the Installation Bio Chemical Technical Coordinator as well as taught school in the on base school for military children. It was also in Germany that

Rebecca received a BS in Computer Sciences. This led to her most recent employment working for Verizon as a Manager and Trainer.

Happily retired in 2008, Rebecca was able to indulge in her passion for creating one of a kind art pieces utilizing local natural treasures with sea glass, drift wood and other reclaimed resources, hence the name of Rebecca's studio Reclaimed Maine, which is opened to the public and is doing well with a lot of community support.

Additionally, there have been many volunteer opportunities, throughout Rebecca's life such as, Den Mother, Senior Girl Scout leader, Church leadership, President of the Belfast Bear-fest, Window Dressers of Maine and becoming certified by the AACC in Christian Counseling with a specialty in Trauma and Crisis Counseling.

Rebecca shares her life with her husband Mark, a 33 year career military officer and veteran of the Iraq war and her most demanding but adorable rescue dog Jessie.

Eric Woodbury

My wife and I moved to Verona in August 2015, and would like to be part of the redevelopment effort in Bucksport. We are restoring an old farmhouse (the Miller property) and are attempting to bring back a working farm. MOFGA is providing technical support, and the NRCS. East West Farm will have diverse operations, with a unique emphasis on Asian produce.

I grew up in Southern New Hampshire, went to school in Boston and then worked as a lawyer for many years in financial services in Boston. I also managed a major scientific foundation for several years. After a stint in Peace Corps, I started teaching at Husson University and have opened a general law practice in Bucksport. I decided to move to the area after spending much of my vacation time on Swan's Island.

My wife is a native of the Northern Philippines. She holds electrical engineering and computer information degrees, and once worked for Texas Instruments. She served as a volunteer in the British VSO in Ethiopia, which is where we met. Her family has many active farms. Her uncle is a world-renowned artist, Ben Cab.

Based upon both my work and life experiences, I believe I could add perspective to the Board. I have lived abroad twice (England and Ethiopia), and have travelled extensively to developed and less developed countries. I have two adult children from a first marriage, and teaching at Husson gives me insights into the next working generation.

My wife and I attend St. Vincent's in Bucksport. I have volunteered some time with the Heart & Soul program. My wife opened a shop on Main Street called "Kalinga Creations" during Christmas. We are committed to living here and would like to contribute.

Jennifer Davenport

My name is Jennifer Davenport and I have lived in the Bucksport/Orland area most of my life. I have been involved with Bucksport PTO for 6 years as President as my kids were younger, helping our schools earn money to support requests that were not built into the school budget. My husband Marc and I own Davenport Enterprises doing snowplowing and lawn care for the past 18 years along with my two children. I work for Bangor Savings Bank here in Bucksport as a Senior Customer Service Specialist, for the last 8 years and love being involved with my community. I have always loved helping out when ever needed for the Bucksport Bay Area Chamber of Commerce.

Mike Malenfant

Mike Malenfant is a graduate of Bucksport High School and lives in Orland. Mike has worked for the Town of Orland in their Maintenance department and most recently has taken over as Property Manager for the Orland Community Center which is home to several small businesses, the EMDC Transition Center as well as a community fitness center and office space available for long or short term rentals. Mike is very involved with his community serving in several capacities involved with youth sports as a coach and volunteer. Mike lives in Orland with his wife, two sons and a dog!

RESOLVE #R-2016-50 TO APPROVE THE ATTACHED LETTER IN SUPPORT OF A REGIONAL FOOD HUB

Whereas, the Town of Bucksport supports local businesses through the efforts of its policies and the work of its Community & Economic Development Director, and

Whereas, the Town of Bucksport supports wellness activities through the Bucksport Bay Healthy Communities Coalition, and

Whereas the Town of Bucksport seeks wherever possible to work in a collaborative way regionally,

Be it resolved by the members of the Bucksport Town Council in Town Council assembled to approve the attached letter to be sent by the Community & Economic Development Director in support a regional food hub.

Acted on February 25, 2016

Yes ___ No ___ Abstained ___

Attested by: Kathy Downes, Town Clerk

Dear

In 1880 there were more than 60,000 farms in Maine, most family homesteads. Maine fed itself then, and the animals that were raised, and worked on those farms. There was food exported to other states and countries. These farmers shared their knowledge, equipment and labor to feed their families and communities in a natural way.

Now there are a little more than 8,000 farms and counting. Much of the old farm land has been developed. Only a small portion of food grown in Maine is consumed by Maine people. Most of the food we eat, Maine people do not know where or how it was grown, and what was done to it in the name of processing before it was brought to Hannaford, Shaws, Walmart, and smaller groceries, convenience stores and restaurants. Most of the profits from the sale of this food go to large corporations out of state and in other countries.

We do know, in Maine and America, our citizens are getting fatter and sicker, while industrial farming has grown America's dependence for its food at a high cost to the natural ecosystems above and below ground that are essential to the health of human beings.

Our community sees opportunity to make the most of available local resources to support the farmers in our region to sustainably nurture their soils, grow pure and healthy food efficiently, add value to their harvests, branding their farm, and bringing to local people food that will enhance their health. In the process children will learn how to live well, since each life is like a plant growing in the soil of experience and community, bearing fruit. The biodynamic ecosystems will in time be restored to natural complexity and wisdom. As farms become more viable and open to community, the community and economy will grow in kind, attracting people and business to a way of life that is hard to find.

The map for doing this is available now. Food Hubs. Google it. Our country and Maine are going back to the past to build our future. All the knowledge, technical skill, models, organizations, and funding sources have been assembled. Here in the Bay Communities, farmers, the RSU, Chamber of Commerce, Regional Health Center, Healthy Communities Coalition, and others are ready to work with our Community and Economic Development office to make it happen.

Would your Town like to join us? I invite you, or a representative from your Town to join the planning group. Your views on the needs of farmers and consumers living in your community, and ideas for how the Hub can meet them, are vital for the collaborative process of building a regional Hub. We envision one 90 minute meeting per month, an occasional meeting with county or regional resource partners, and between monthly meetings, communication with farmers and consumers in your community.

If you are unable to make a commitment to join the planning at this time, but are in favor of developing a regional Food Hub, would you write a letter of support? We would be happy to keep you informed by way of newsletters, invitations to events, and a welcome for your input and feedback.

If you have any questions about the project, please contact Tom Gaffney, a farmer and member of the planning group (469-2255; drtomgaffney@gmail.com). I would love to talk with you myself, and consider together how this Food Hub can benefit our communities, and our relationship as neighbors.

Sincerely yours,

Rich Rotella

Director of Community and Economic Development

Town of Bucksport