

February 12, 2026

**Minutes of the Washington County Commissioners'  
Unorganized Territories Regular Meeting  
Held February 12, 2026  
in the Washington County Probate Courtroom  
Machias, Maine**

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**Attending the meeting were:  
Commissioner David C. Burns  
Commissioner Courtney Hammond  
Commissioner Billy Howard  
Renée Gray, County Manager  
Carla Manchester, Administrative Assistant  
Paul Sylvain, Machias / MVNO  
Meredith Mawhar, SCEC  
Paula Johnson-Rolfe, WCSO  
Susan Sullivan, D.A.'s Office  
Tammy Gay, Deeds  
Wayne Small, Jonesport  
Bayley Grant, Centerville  
Sondra Small, Finance  
Grace Falzarano, Provisional Treasurer  
Heather Green, Deeds  
Joshua Rolfe, RCC/ WCSO  
Lisa M. Hanscom, EMA  
Barry Curtis, Sheriff  
Ben Edwards, Machias  
Colin Brown, Downeast Coastal Conservancy**

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Commissioner Burns called the meeting to order at 4 p.m. Prior to the regular meeting, a Tax Abatement Hearing was held. Also, prior to the regular Unorganized Territory business, a public hearing was held to discuss the proposed replacement of the Mill Stream Bridge in Centerville Township.

Unorganized Territories Supervisor Heron Weston explained the proposed details of the project. Heron stated the expense of the project will be a 50/50 shared expense with the state. He noted there should be no disruption in traffic. Heron stated the project may be delayed due to permits being finalized. He reported the bridge is very stable at 70% sufficiency; however, if the rating should be less than 70% when inspected again, the bridge will be posted for a weight restriction. The hearing was also an opportunity for questions, concerns and comments prior to the project proceeding to final design. Project information is attached.



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**Approval of the U.T. regular meeting minutes of January 14, 2026  
(Howard / Hammond, 3-0)**

**AGENDA ITEM: Monthly Report**

Unorganized Territories Supervisor Heron Weston's monthly report was submitted. (See attached)

Heron stated that in preparation of spring, he has drafted an ordinance restricting vehicle weight on posted ways modeling the DOT ordinance. He noted his biggest concern is the Nineteen Road. Commissioner Howard asked who the Road Commissioner is for the U.T. roadways. Heron responded that he believes he has the authority as Road Supervisor for the U.T. Commissioner Howard requested Heron provide the Commissioners with figures on funds spent on the Nineteen Road.

Heron presented a Voting Place Contract for the Commissioners' approval. The contract is with the Town of Beddington to provide a voting place for residents of the unorganized territories of T24 MD, T30 MD and Devereaux Twp. The contract has a term of five years beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2030 with an annual payment of \$500.00.

**\*MOTION\* Commissioner Howard moved to approve the Voting Place Contract agreement with the Town of Beddington as presented.  
(Howard / Burns, 3-0)**

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**\*MOTION\* Commissioner Howard moved to approve the Fire Protection Agreement with Beddington Volunteer Fire Department as presented. (Howard / Hammond, 3-0)**

Heron presented a Fire Protection agreement for the Commissioners' approval. This agreement is with Epping Volunteer Fire Department to provide fire-fighting services and accident/injury responding forces for the inhabitants of Centerville Twp., T18 MD, T19 MD, T24 MD and T25 MD. The term for this agreement is one year with an annual



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payment of \$2250.00. Heron noted this agreement is only for one year as there may be support for Epping through the Downeast Wind Community Benefit Agreement in the future.

**\*MOTION\*** Commissioner Howard moved to approve the Fire Protection Agreement with Epping Volunteer Fire Department as presented. (Howard / Burns, 2-0-1)

**AGENDA ITEM: Old Business**

- None

**AGENDA ITEM: TIF Grant Committee Update**

TIF Program Manager Meredith Mawhar submitted a monthly report. (See attached)

Meredith stated she had three action items for the Commissioners' consideration.

Meredith presented a request for a one-time payment to Coastal Washington County Institute of Technology (CWCIT). The payment is in accordance with Section 1 (a) of the Community Benefit Agreement (CBA) between Downeast Wind LLC and Washington County dated June 20, 2020.

**\*MOTION\*** Commissioner Howard moved to approve the one-time payment to CWCIT in accordance with the CBA. (Howard / Hammond, 3-0)

The second request was for the Commissioners to authorize the transfer of \$77,720.00 from the Community Benefit Agreement bank account to the General Fund bank account to cover approved County administrative expenses. This payment is in accordance with Section 1 (a) (iii) of the CBA which allocates \$127,720.00 annually for "Washington County administration and for health, infrastructure, and improvements". Meredith noted \$77,720 represents the balance remaining after the \$50,000.00 allocation to SVEC for this year.

**\*MOTION\*** Commissioner Hammond moved to authorize the transfer of the remaining funds of \$77,720.00 from the CBA Bank account to the General Fund to cover County Administrative Expenses as presented. (Hammond / Howard, 3-0)



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The final request was to authorize a transfer of \$1600.00 from the Downeast Wind TIF Bank account to the General Fund bank account to reimburse the County for a battery purchase for Mitton Mountain Tower. Meredith reported this reimbursement is in accordance with section (n) of the Downeast Wind Municipal Tax Increment Financing District and Development Program dated July 9, 2020. It provides for up to \$500,000.00 for approved "capital costs to enhance county emergency radio communications and cell service to support the district".

**\*MOTION\*** Commissioner Burns moved to authorize the transfer of \$1600.00 from the Downeast Wind TIF bank account to the General Fund to reimburse the County for radio infrastructure equipment as presented.  
(Burns / Hammond, 3-0)

All Fund Transfer request forms were signed and will be executed by the Finance Office.

**AGENDA ITEM:** Public Comment  
None.

ADJOURNMENT

4:40 p.m.

ATTEST:

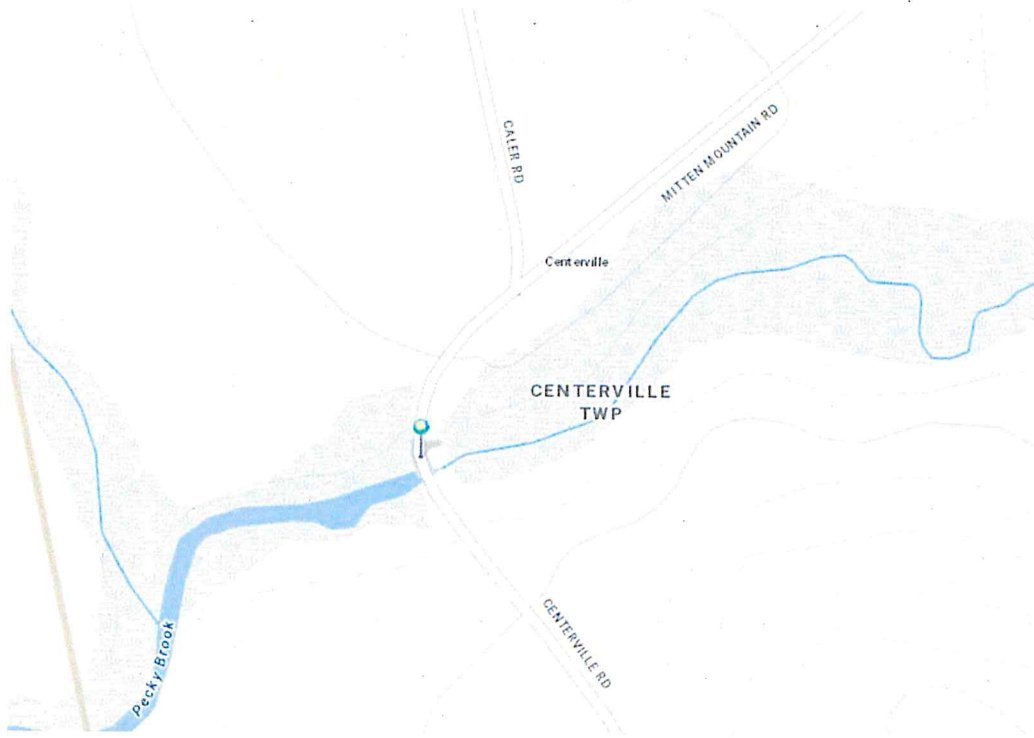
  
Carla J.R. Manchester, Admin. Asst.



## LOCATION MAP

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Centerville Twp, Mill Stream Bridge #3622  
Centerville Road over Mill Stream




Latitude: 44° 42' 16.12" N, Longitude: 67° 40' 47.05" W



## PRELIMINARY DESIGN REPORT

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**TOWN** Centerville Twp  
**BRIDGE NO.** 3622      **BRIDGE** Mill Stream Bridge

**PROJECT MANAGER** ETC  
**DESIGNED BY** GNM      **DATE** 10/28/2024  
**APPROVED BY** HTW      **DATE** 12/10/2024  
**APPROVED BY**       **DATE** 12/10/2024

**PROGRAM SCOPE:** Bridge Replacement

**PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:** Replacement of Mill Stream Bridge (#3622) over Mill Stream, located 4.71 miles northeast of Route 1. The existing bridge has a clear span of 22'.

**PROJECT RECOMMENDATION:** Remove existing structure in its entirety and replace with a 52'-6" clear span bridge off-alignment. The superstructure will consist of a cast-in-place deck on steel girders. The substructure will consist of cast-in-place integral abutments on piling to bedrock.

**BRIDGE ROADWAY SECTION:** 25'-0" rail to rail. Integral concrete wearing surface.

**SPANS** 55'-0"      **SKEW** 10°

**JURISDICTION** Townway      **NHS** No

**FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATION** Local Road

**TRAFFIC:**      **AADT** 84

**MAINTENANCE OF TRAFFIC:** Keep traffic on existing alignment during construction of off-alignment structure.

**CONSTRUCTION YEAR:** 2026

**ADVERTISING DATE:** October 2025

		Project Cost
	Preliminary Engineering	\$70,000
	Right-of-Way	\$10,000
Construction [	Structure	\$770,000
	Approaches	\$320,000
	Construction Engineering	\$75,000
	Total	\$1,245,000



**ADDITIONAL BORINGS REQUIRED?** No

**ADDITIONAL GEOTECHNICAL EVALUATIONS REQUIRED:** No

**APPROVED DESIGN EXCEPTIONS:** N/A

**MUNICIPAL/STATE AGREEMENT REQUIRED?** No

#### **ALTERNATIVE ANALYSIS**

**MAINTENANCE OF TRAFFIC:** Staged construction was considered for this project, allowing the road to remain open for the duration of work. The current and proposed travelway widths are 20'-0", which is too narrow for safe and practicable staged construction. An off-site detour was also considered as a cost-effective option for maintenance of traffic that would allow for the road to be closed during construction, however, there is no feasible detour route for this location. Several of the roads in this area are dirt logging roads and are not in acceptable shape to detour traffic onto. For this reason, both staged construction and an off-site detour were discarded.

The proposed maintenance of traffic is keeping vehicles traveling on the existing alignment during the construction of an off-alignment structure.

**BRIDGE ALTERNATIVES:** Two alternatives were considered for the Mill Stream Bridge: drainage improvements and entire bridge replacement. The drainage improvement option consists of excavating down a couple feet to cast a concrete slab that will be sloped to direct water off the bridge. The slab will have a waterproofing membrane installed on it. Catch basins will be installed at each end of the bridge to direct water away from the structure. Guardrail will be replaced as required and the approaches will be repaved, including paving the shoulders to allow for easier removal of debris from the roadway. Existing concrete abutments will be repaired and heavy riprap or a stone blanket will be installed to protect the scour critical substructure. This option has an estimated construction cost of \$195,000 and a total project cost of \$235,000. If drainage improvements are implemented, it is expected that the remaining life of the structure is 10 to 15 years. If the County chooses the drainage improvement option, this could allow for time to raise the capital for a future replacement.

Two bridge replacement options were considered: on-alignment and off-alignment. For the on-alignment option, an on-site temporary detour would be required. This would necessitate the need for a significant amount of temporary fill that would need to be removed at the end of construction and would not improve the safety of the roadway. For these reasons, this option was discarded.

The recommended alternative is a bridge replacement off-alignment. Constructing the bridge off-alignment will allow softening of the sharp curve that currently exists, therefore improving the safety of the roadway. The existing structure will be removed in its entirety. The new structure will have a clear span of 52'-6" and consist of a 9" thick cast-in-place concrete deck, which includes a 1" integral wearing surface, on steel girders. The substructure will be mildly reinforced concrete integral abutments on piling to bedrock. Heavy riprap will be installed in front of each new abutment to protect it from scour. This option has an estimated construction cost of \$1,090,000 and a total project cost of \$1,245,000. A replacement at this location is unavoidable, making it the



recommended alternative, however, it does not need to be immediate. The rehabilitation with drainage improvements is an option that extends the life of the structure enough to give the County time to prepare for the full bridge replacement.



**EXISTING BRIDGE**

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**YEAR BUILT** 1948

**SPAN LENGTHS** 24'-0"

**TYPE OF SUPERSTRUCTURE:** Single span, 21" deep reinforced concrete, buried slab covered by earth fill, 18" gravel base, and 2" bituminous pavement. W-beam approach and bridge rail.

**GENERAL CONDITION:** Concrete deck slab is in poor condition with some spalling and cracking causing significant leakage, leaving heavy efflorescent staining underneath. Bridge rail is in poor to fair condition, with various W-beam panels requiring replacement.

**TYPE OF SUBSTRUCTURE:** Mass concrete abutments and wingwalls.

**GENERAL CONDITION:** This structure is in poor condition and is scour critical. It was rated a "3-Foundations unstable for scour conditions" in the 2019 inspection report. The North abutment has major section loss at the water line, with deep spalled areas, delamination and cracking. South abutment also has section loss. Efflorescence is visible on both abutments.

**LOAD RATINGS:**

	<b>OPERATING</b>	<b>INVENTORY</b>
H-15	29.25 Tons	22.65 Tons
Rating Factor	1.95	1.51

**STRUCTURALLY DEFICIENT** Yes

**FUNCTIONALLY OBSOLETE** N/A

**MAINTENANCE PROBLEMS:** Heavy leakage through cracks in the deck causing efflorescent staining. Collision damage to portions of guardrail. Significant section loss of abutments at water line.

**UTILITIES:** N/A

**MAINTENANCE WORK:** N/A





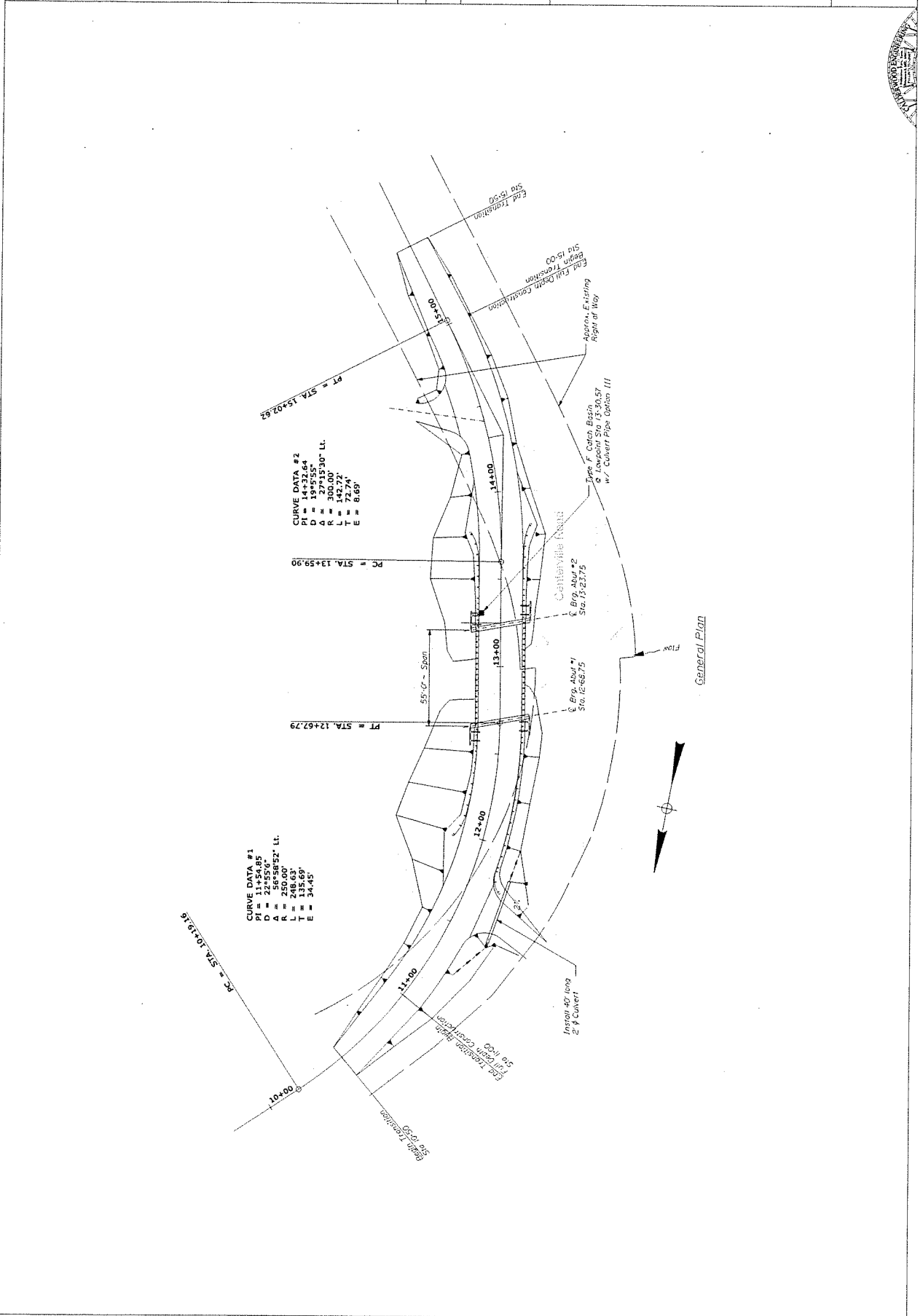
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MILL STREAM BRIDGE  
CENTREVILLE  
WASHINGTON COUNTY

GENERAL PLAN

REVISION 1	DATE	BY	CHKD
REVISION 2			
REVISION 3			
REVISION 4			

PROJECT NUMBER  
01-MILL STREAM-24  
WASHINGTON COUNTY ORGANIZED TERRITORIES  
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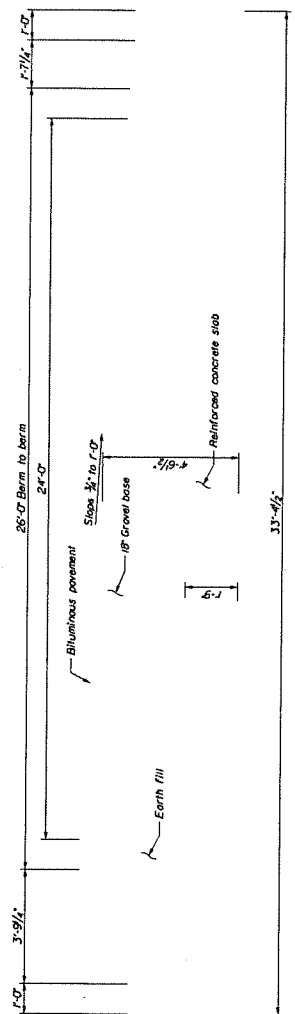




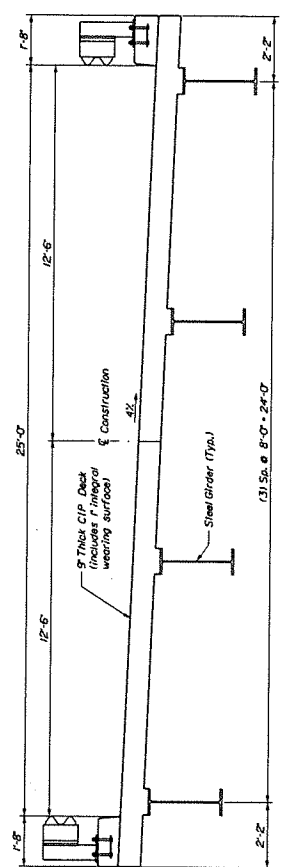


PROJ. NUMBER	01-MILL STREAM-24
DATE	
P.E. NUMBER	
SIGNATURE	

DESIGNED FOR	WASHINGTON COUNTY UNORGANIZED TERRITORIES
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PREPARED FOR	CALDERWOOD ENGINEERING, ETC. STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING • DETAILING SERVICES 11414 1st Street, NW, Seattle, WA 98107



EXISTING TYPICAL SECTION



PROPOSED TYPICAL SECTION





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## UNORGANIZED TERRITORIES MONTHLY REPORT

Feb 12th, 2026

### 1. SHELLFISH

- a. This office recently completed its 2025 Annual Shellfish Report and submitted it to the Maine Department of Marine Resources. Below is a summary:
  - i. Licenses sold (with historical data)
    1. 2025 - 10 Commercial / 25 Recreational
    2. 2015 - 15 Commercial / 10 Recreational
    3. 2005 - 25 Commercial / 20 Recreational
  - ii. Shellfish Warden data
    1. ~400 hours patrolled (UT only)
    2. 15 harvester checks
    3. 3 warnings
  - iii. No coves closed for conservation in 2025
  - iv. Required conservation activity in 2025 - Annual Shellfish meeting attendance

### 2. SEPTAGE SPREADING AND STORAGE SITE

- a. 2025 Annual Report submitted to Maine Department of Environmental Protection - Waste Management. The report includes:
  - i. Daily Land Application records (209,085 gallons spread in 2025)
  - ii. Soil Test results
  - iii. Site inspection reports (tank inspection, buffer areas around site)
  - iv. "Crop" utilization reports (mowing schedule)

### 3. ADMINISTRATION

- a. This office has established a new facebook page (Washington County Unorganized Territories).

### 4. ROADS & BRIDGES

- a. Mill Stream Bridge Replacement (Centerville Twp)
  - i. The bridge replacement project has hit a permitting roadblock. In order to receive the Army Corp of Engineers permit, the site must be inspected by a wetland

scientist to determine the exact location of any wetlands along the stream and the project's potential impact on them. Unfortunately, this cannot be done until the snow melts which pushes the project back enough to miss the 2026 in-water work construction season.

1. The MaineDOT cost sharing agreement expires at the end of 2027 and the project should still be able to be completed by then.
- ii. Both Right-of-Way owners have signed Owner Assent Letters, agreeing to the transfer of the property at the offered price. The deed work should be completed in the next month.
- b. "Ordinance Restricting Vehicle Weight on Posted Ways"
  - i. This ordinance is required to enforce weight limit postings on UT roads. These postings help protect UT roads from damage when the roads are soft in the spring. UT roads have traditionally been posted but violations have either not occurred or legal enforcement has not been pursued.
  - ii. A number of permanent exemptions to the weight limit restrictions are allowed by the ordinance as well as the ability for this office to issue individual exemption permits if specific criteria are met.
  - iii. The ordinance may be enforced by Washington County Commissioners, UT Supervisor, law enforcement officer, or a duly authorized designee.
  - iv. A public hearing would be required to pass the ordinance.

## 5. MISC

- a. The Land Use Planning Commission (LUPC) is in the process of updating its Comprehensive Land Use Plan (CLUP). The Plan is used to guide development in the UT.
- b. The CLUP update is currently in the Pre-Process phase in which LUPC staff are collecting information about how the UT has changed since the last CLUP update (2010) and what issues it should prioritize. This outreach involves interviews, surveys, informational sessions and public workshops.
- c. LUPC staff have offered to visit a Washington County Commissioner's meeting and give a presentation about the CLUP update and answer any questions that the Commissioners may have.

## 6. ACTION ITEMS

- a. Voting Place Contract
  - i. Town of Beddington / 2025-30 / \$500 per year / 25% of voters are UT
- b. Fire Protection Agreement
  - i. Beddington Volunteer Fire Department / 2025-30 / \$500 per year stipend plus per incident billing / covering Devereaux Twp, T30 MD, & T24 MD (north)
- c. Fire Protection Agreement
  - i. Epping Volunteer Fire Department / 2025-26 / \$2,250 per year stipend plus per incident billing / covering Centerville Twp, T18 MD, T19 MD, T24 MD (south), T25 MD (south)



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**Ordinance Restricting Vehicle Weight on Posted Ways**  
In the Washington County Unorganized Territories, Maine

**Section 1. Purpose and Authority**

The purpose of this "Ordinance Restricting Vehicle Weight on Posted Ways" (hereinafter, the "Ordinance") is to prevent damage to municipal ways and bridges in the Washington County Unorganized Territories which may be caused by vehicles of excessive weight, to lessen safety hazards and the risk of injury to the traveling public, to extend the life expectancy of municipal ways and bridges, and to reduce the public expense of their maintenance and repair. This Ordinance is adopted pursuant to 30-A M.R.S.A. § 3009 and 29-A M.R.S.A. §§ 2395 and 2388.

**Section 2. Definitions**

The definitions contained in Title 29-A M.R.S.A. shall govern the construction of words contained in this Ordinance. Any words not defined therein shall be given their common and ordinary meaning.

**Section 3. Restrictions and Notices**

The municipal officers may, either permanently or seasonally, impose such restrictions on the gross registered weight of vehicles as may, in their judgment, be necessary to protect the traveling public and prevent abuse of the highways, and designate the town ways and bridges to which the restrictions shall apply.

Whenever notice has been posted as provided herein, no person may thereafter operate any vehicle with a gross registered weight in excess of the restriction during any applicable time period on any way or bridge so posted unless otherwise exempt as provided herein.

Pursuant to 29-A M.R.S.A. § 2395, the notice shall contain, at a minimum, the following information: the name of the way or bridge, the gross registered weight limit, the time period during which the restriction applies, the date on which the notice was posted, and the signatures of the municipal officers. The notice shall be conspicuously posted at each end of the restricted portion of the way or bridge in a location clearly visible from the traveled way

Whenever a restriction expires or is lifted, the notices shall be removed wherever posted. Whenever a restriction is revised or extended, existing notices shall be removed and replaced with new notices. No person may remove, obscure or otherwise tamper with any notice so posted except as provided herein.

**Section 4. Exemptions**

The following vehicles are exempt under State law:

Any vehicle delivering home heating fuel and operating in accordance with a permit issued by the MDOT under 29-A M.R.S.A. § 2395 (4) and, when necessary during a period of drought emergency declared by the governor, any vehicle transporting well-drilling equipment for the purpose of drilling a replacement well or for improving an existing well on property where that well is no longer supplying sufficient water for residential or agricultural purpose and operating in accordance with a permit issued by the MDOT under 29-A M.R.S.A. § 2395 (4-A).

The following vehicles are also exempt under the specific provisions of this ordinance:

1. Any vehicle or combination of vehicles registered for a gross weight of 23,000 pounds or less.
2. Any vehicle or combination of vehicles registered for a gross weight in excess of 23,000 pounds and traveling without a load other than tools or equipment necessary for the proper operation of the vehicle. This exemption does not apply to special mobile equipment. It shall be a defense to a violation of this sub-section if the combined weight of any vehicle or combination of vehicles registered for a gross weight in excess of 23,000 pounds and its load is in fact less than 23,000 pounds.
3. MaineDOT vehicles or other vehicles authorized by MaineDOT or a municipality or county to maintain the roads under their authority.
4. Authorized emergency vehicles as defined in 29-A M.R.S.A. § 2054, school buses, a wrecker towing a disabled vehicle of legal weight from a posted highway, and vehicles with three axles or less under the direction of a public utility and engaged in utility infrastructure maintenance or repair.
5. Any two axle vehicles registered for a gross weight in excess of 23,000 pounds and less than or equal to 34,000 pounds that are carrying any of the Special Commodities may operate without a permit.

Special Commodities includes any of the following:

- a. Home delivered heating fuel (oil, gas, coal, stove size wood that is less than 36" in length, propane and wood pellets);
- b. Petroleum products;
- c. Groceries;
- d. Bulk milk;
- e. Solid waste;
- f. Animal bedding;
- g. Returnable beverage containers;
- h. Sewage from private septic tanks or porta-potties; or
- i. Medical gases.

#### **Section 5. Permits**

The owner or operator of any vehicle not otherwise exempt as provided herein may apply in writing to the UT Supervisor for a permit to operate on a posted way or bridge notwithstanding the restriction. The UT Supervisor may issue a permit only upon all of the following findings:

- a) no other route is reasonably available to the applicant;
- b) it is a matter of economic necessity and not mere convenience that the applicant use the way or bridge; and
- c) the applicant has tendered cash, a bond or other suitable security running to the municipality in an amount sufficient, in their judgment, to repair any damage to the way or bridge which may reasonably result from the applicant's use of the same.

Even if the municipal officers make the foregoing findings, they need not issue a permit if they determine the applicant's use of the way or bridge could reasonably be expected to create or aggravate a safety hazard or cause substantial damage to a way or bridge maintained by the municipality. They may also limit the number of permits issued or outstanding as may, in their judgment, be necessary to preserve and protect the highways and bridges.

In determining whether to issue a permit, the UT Supervisor shall consider the following factors:

- a) the gross registered weight of the vehicle;
- b) the current and anticipated condition of the way or bridge;
- c) the number and frequency of vehicle trips proposed;
- d) the cost and availability of materials and equipment for repairs;
- e) the extent of use by other exempt vehicles; and
- f) such other circumstances as may, in their judgment, be relevant.

The UT Supervisor may issue permits subject to reasonable conditions, including but not limited to restrictions on the actual load weight and the number or frequency of vehicle trips, which shall be clearly noted on the permit.

**Section 6. Administration and Enforcement**

This Ordinance shall be administered and may be enforced by the Washington County Commissioners, UT Supervisor, law enforcement officer, or a duly authorized designee.

**Section 7. Penalties**

Any violation of this Ordinance shall be a civil infraction subject to a fine of not less than \$250.00 nor more than \$1000.00. Each violation shall be deemed a separate offense. In addition to any fine, the municipality may seek restitution for the cost of repairs to any damaged way or bridge and reasonable attorney fees and costs. Prosecution shall be in the name of the municipality and shall be brought in the Maine District Court.

**Section 8. Amendments**

This Ordinance may be amended by the municipal officers at any properly noticed meeting.

**Section 9. Severability; Effective Date**

In the event any portion of this Ordinance is declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining portions shall continue in full force and effect. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon enactment by the municipal officers at any properly noticed meeting.

**Washington County Commissioners  
(Administrators of the Unorganized Territories)**

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David C. Burns, Chairman

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## VOTING PLACE CONTRACT

Town of Beddington and The Washington County Unorganized Territories  
July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2030

### SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED

The Town of Beddington agrees to provide a voting place for all residents of the Washington County Unorganized Territories that live in T24 MD, T30 MD, and Devereaux Twp in accordance with *Title 21-A §632 MRSA*.

### PAYMENT

The Washington County Unorganized Territories agrees to pay the Town of Beddington Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) per year to cover a portion ( $\pm 25\%$ ) of the town's election expenses.

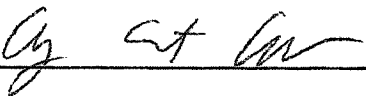
### DURATION

This agreement shall be for the duration of five (5) years, beginning on July 1, 2025 and ending on June 30, 2030. Either party, by vote of its duly authorized representatives, may terminate this agreement upon sixty (60) days written notice to the other party.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each of the parties has caused this agreement to be executed by its duly authorized representatives.

**Officials of the Town of  
Beddington**

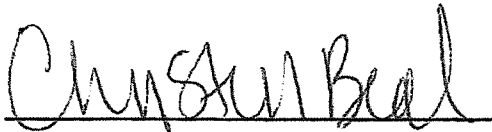
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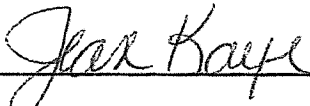
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## FIRE PROTECTION AGREEMENT

This agreement for Fire Protection, made for the period of **July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2030**, is between the Washington County Commissioners in their capacity as Administrators for the **Washington County Unorganized Territories** and the **Beddington Volunteer Fire Department**.

### TERMS

**Service to be provided:**

The **Beddington Volunteer Fire Department** agrees to provide fire fighting services and accident/injury responding forces for the inhabitants of **Devereaux Twp, T24 MD, & T30 MD** for the duration of this contract.

**Billing and Payment:**

The Washington County Unorganized Territories agrees to pay a sum of **Five hundred dollars (\$500.00)** each year for the duration of this contract.

In addition to the flat fee, each individual call for Fire Protection personnel and/or equipment will be billed to the Washington County Unorganized Territories at the following rates:

Fire Chief	\$32/hr	Type I Engine (Pumper)	\$165/hr
Firefighters (Interior Fire Qualified)	\$24/hr	Tanker Truck	\$120/hr
All other Firefighters	\$16/hr	Type III Engine (Brush)	\$95/hr

These rates may be adjusted to reflect changes to the Maine Minimum Wage (2025) or FEMA Schedule of Equipment Rates (2025).

### LIABILITY

The Washington County Unorganized Territories shall not be liable for any acts, omissions, negligence or other wrongful conduct of the **Beddington Volunteer Fire Department** or any of its members, employees, or other agents. The **Beddington Volunteer Fire Department** promises, agrees and covenants to defend, indemnify and hold harmless, to the fullest extent permitted by law, the Washington County Unorganized Territories, its employees, officials and agents of and from any and all claims, demands, actions, or causes of actions arising

out of or connected in any way, directly or indirectly, with the acts or omissions of the Beddington Volunteer Fire Department in providing the services specified in this agreement.

This agreement to defend, hold harmless and indemnify pertains, without limitation to acts or omissions of any officer, director, employee, member, volunteer, or other person associated with the Beddington Volunteer Fire Department, whether or not acting within the scope of that individual's agency, and whether or not committed solely by such person or in conjunction or concert with acts and/or omissions of other individuals or entities.

This agreement to defend, indemnify and hold harmless does not pertain to claims, demands, actions or causes of action arising solely out of the acts or omissions of the Washington County Unorganized Territories, its officials, employees, volunteers, or others acting on its behalf.

**DURATION**

This agreement shall be for 5 years, beginning on July 1, 2025 and ending on June 30, 2030. Either party, by vote of its duly authorized representatives, may terminate this agreement upon ninety (90) days written notice to the other party.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each of the parties hereto have caused their respective duly authorized representatives to execute the Agreement as of the date first written below.

**Officials of the Town of Beddington**

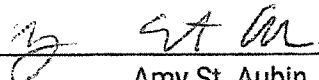
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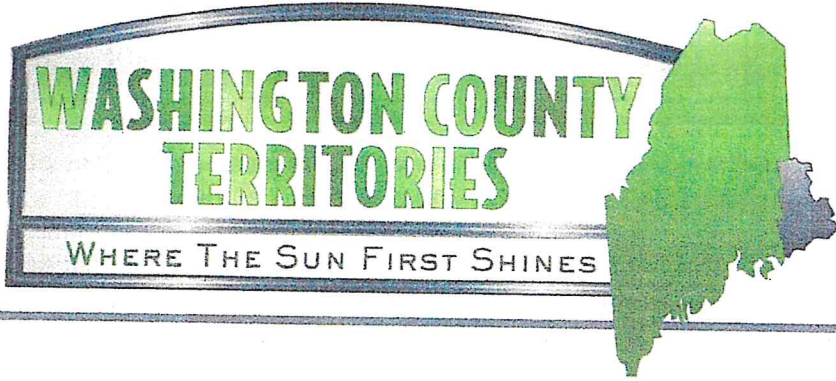
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## FIRE PROTECTION AGREEMENT

This agreement for Fire Protection, made for the period of **July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026**, is between the Washington County Commissioners in their capacity as Administrators for the **Washington County Unorganized Territories** and the **Epping Volunteer Fire Department**.

### TERMS

**Service to be provided:**

The **Epping Volunteer Fire Department** agrees to provide fire fighting services and accident/injury responding forces for the inhabitants of **Centerville Twp, T18 MD, T19 MD, T24 MD, and T25 MD** for the duration of this contract.

**Billing and Payment:**

The Washington County Unorganized Territories agrees to pay a sum of **Two thousand two hundred and fifty dollars (\$2,250.00)** each year for the duration of this contract.

In addition to the flat fee, each individual call for Fire Protection personnel and/or equipment will be billed to the Washington County Unorganized Territories at the following rates:

Fire Chief	\$32/hr	Type I Engine (Pumper)	\$165/hr
Firefighters (Interior Fire Qualified)	\$24/hr	Tanker Truck	\$120/hr
All other Firefighters	\$16/hr	Type III Engine (Brush)	\$95/hr

These rates may be adjusted to reflect changes to the Maine Minimum Wage (2025) or FEMA Schedule of Equipment Rates (2025).

### LIABILITY

The Washington County Unorganized Territories shall not be liable for any acts, omissions, negligence or other wrongful conduct of the **Epping Volunteer Fire Department** or any of its members, employees, or other agents. The **Epping Volunteer Fire Department** promises, agrees and covenants to defend, indemnify and hold harmless, to the fullest extent permitted by law, the Washington County Unorganized Territories, its employees, officials and agents of and from any and all claims, demands, actions, or causes of actions arising out of or

connected in any way, directly or indirectly, with the acts or omissions of the Epping Volunteer Fire Department in providing the services specified in this agreement.

This agreement to defend, hold harmless and indemnify pertains, without limitation to acts or omissions of any officer, director, employee, member, volunteer, or other person associated with the Epping Volunteer Fire Department, whether or not acting within the scope of that individual's agency, and whether or not committed solely by such person or in conjunction or concert with acts and/or omissions of other individuals or entities.

This agreement to defend, indemnify and hold harmless does not pertain to claims, demands, actions or causes of action arising solely out of the acts or omissions of the Washington County Unorganized Territories, its officials, employees, volunteers, or others acting on its behalf.

**DURATION**

This agreement shall be for 1 year, beginning on July 1, 2025 and ending on June 30, 2026. Either party, by vote of its duly authorized representatives, may terminate this agreement upon ninety (90) days written notice to the other party.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each of the parties hereto have caused their respective duly authorized representatives to execute the Agreement as of the date first written below.

**Officials of the Epping Volunteer Fire District**

**Washington County Commissioners  
(Administrators of the Unorganized Territories)**

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David C. Burns, Chairman



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**WASHINGTON COUNTY UNORGANIZED TERRITORIES  
TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICT LOAN & GRANT PROGRAM**

A PROGRAM OF WASHINGTON COUNTY GOVERNMENT  
ADMINISTERED BY SUNRISE COUNTY ECONOMIC COUNCIL

**Report to the County Commissioners prepared by SCEC Program Manager – Meredith Mawhar  
February 12, 2026**

There are three action items for your consideration this month:

**Action Item 1: Approval of One-Time Payment to Coastal Washington County Institute of Technology (CWCIT)**

Commissioners are requested to vote to approve a one-time payment in the amount of **\$150,000** to the **Coastal Washington County Institute of Technology (CWCIT)** and to sign the attached Grant Agreement between the County and CWCIT.

The **TIF Committee has reviewed and approved** this payment request in accordance with **Section 1(a) of the Community Benefit Agreement (CBA)** between Downeast Wind LLC and Washington County, dated June 20, 2020.

Please see the following attachments:

- For reference: Attachment 1(a) - Section 1(a) of the Downeast Wind LLC CBA detailing the annual contribution and one-time payment amounts and their respective allocations.
- For reference: Attachment 1(b) Grant agreement detailing the approved use of funds and reporting requirements, signed by Grantee representative, James L. Roberts
- For signature: Attachment 1(c): Funds transfer request to authorize the transfer of \$150,000 from the *Community Benefit Agreement Bank Account (ending 1835)* to the *General Fund Bank Account (ending 0860)* to process the one-time payment to CWCIT.

**Action Item 2: Authorization to Transfer Remaining Community Benefit Agreement Funds**

Commissioners are requested to vote to authorize the transfer of **\$77,720** from the *Community Benefit Agreement Bank Account (ending 1835)* to the *General Fund Bank Account (ending 0860)* to cover approved **County administrative expenses.**

The **TIF Committee has reviewed and approved** this payment in accordance with **Section 1(a)(iii) of the CBA** between Downeast Wind LLC and Washington County, dated June 20, 2020, which allocates \$127,720 annually for “Washington County administration and for health, infrastructure, and improvements”.

\$77,720 represents the balance remaining after the \$50,000 allocated to SCEC for this year.

Please see the following attachments:

- For reference: Attachment 1(a) - Section 1(a)(iii) of the Downeast Wind LLC CBA allocating said funds for “Washington County administration and for health, infrastructure, and improvements”



- For signature: Attachment 2(b): Funds transfer request to authorize the transfer of \$77,720 from the *Community Benefit Agreement Bank Account (ending 1835)* to the *General Fund Bank Account (ending 0860)*.
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### **Action Item 3: Authorization to Reimburse Battery Purchase for Mitton Mountain Tower**

Commissioners are requested to vote to authorize the transfer of **\$1,600** from the *Downeast Wind TIF Bank Account (ending 6443)* to the *General Fund Bank Account (ending 0860)* to reimburse the County for radio infrastructure equipment to operate the **Mitton Mountain Tower**.

The **TIF Committee has reviewed and approved** this reimbursement request in accordance with section (n) of the Downeast Wind Municipal Tax Increment Financing District and Development Program dated July 9, 2020, which provides for up to \$500,000 for approved “capital costs to enhance county emergency radio communications and cell service to support District”.

Please see the following attachments:

- For reference: Attachment 3(a) - Page 2, section (n): Downeast Wind Municipal Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District and Development Program (Program memo).
- For reference: Attachment 3(b): Email from Dept. Director Josh Rolfe, requesting funds to purchase new ups, set of batteries, and power supply.
- For signature: Attachment 3(c): Funds transfer request to authorize the transfer of \$1,600 from the *Downeast Wind TIF Bank Account (ending 6443)* to the *General Fund Bank Account (ending 0860)*.

